

Valedictory Speech of Shri Gautam Adani for Vibrant Gujarat

Hon'ble Chief Minister of Gujarat Shri Narendrabhai Modi,
Hon'ble Prime Minister of Rwanda, Mr. Bernard Makuza,

Dignitaries on the dais,
Ambassadors and Diplomats of visiting Countries,
Captains of industry,
Senior Policy makers and Bureaucrats of GoI, GoG & from other States,
CEOs and Delegates of visiting Companies from all over the World,
Friends from media,
Ladies & Gentlemen ::

It is a very humbling experience for me to speak to this august gathering today. It is more than my privilege to be a speaker in the valedictory session of Vibrant Gujarat 2011.

Vibrant Gujarat, a brain child of Narendrabhai Modi to bring all industry leaders and Government policy makers under one roof has now become probably the world's largest platform of its own kind where State machinery not only expects Industries to invest but State itself commits to provide all support for industry to become most competitive and successful.

Each passing day has enhanced the confidence of industry leaders in commitment of Gujarat, in Administration of Gujarat, in Infrastructure of Gujarat, in people of Gujarat and above all in visionary leadership of Gujarat !.

In the year of "*Swarnim Gujarat* ", the vision of Narendrabhai has not only spread "*Khushbu Gujarat ki*" beyond every border but has also spread "*Khushbu Vyavsay ki*", "*Khushbu Udyog ki*", "*Khushbu Vikas ki*" , and " *Khushbu Swabhimaan ki* " among all Gujaratis, among all Indians and among all industry leaders all over the world.

Today, Gujarat has not only become the most preferred investment destination in India but also the key contributor for the GDP growth of India , for which India is admired and respected all over the World. In Gujarat, work speaks louder than word and the same is demonstrated today in Vibrant Gujarat 2011, where MOUs for more than _____ Lac crores are signed within 2 days.

My heartiest congratulations to Hon'ble C.M. and his cabinet, my heartiest appreciation to Chief Secy Mr AK Joti and his team and my heartiest compliments to each and every Gujarati for being so welcoming and hard working in delivering this success !

Gujarat, under the leadership of Narendrabhai has been very fortunate. I remember a quote by Joel Barker ;

“Vision without action is nearly a dream.

Action without vision just passes the time.

But vision with action can change the world.”

Based on this, I can say that Shri Narendrabhai is probably the one leader in India, who with his extraordinary focus and commitment for time bound implementation is able to bridge the gap between vision and execution.

He has been able to connect masses with each one of his initiative thus making the masses not only stake holders but also the beneficiary of industrialization. The strength of a great leader lies in converting his initiatives into mass movements. India got freedom only because a leader like Gandhiji was able to connect masses for achieving his goal of a Free India.

In very similar way, Narendrabhai has also championed in connecting with masses and with that strength, in less than eight years, he has been able to transform Gujarat from power deficit to power surplus state, from medium literacy to high literacy state, from Gujarat being destination of local companies to being the first destination of Global companies, all backed by a transparent policy regime and quick decision making.

All of us know & I have seen personally that Shri Narendrabhai's Mantra for life is to think big, think for all and act fast. We, at Adani, are also inspired by Shri Narendrabhai. Starting as a small trading house 20 years back, today, like Shri Narendrabhai, our VISION is to be the FIRST, FASTEST and LARGEST in each of our core business. With market capitalisation of nearly one lac thirty thousand crore, we have decided to focus on Infrastructure sector consisting of Power, Port and Coal mining.

While we have : one power plant at Mundra in operation and six plants under construction, two ports at Mundra & Dahej in operation and 4 others under construction, coal mines in Indonesia, Australia and India ; by 2020, our goal is to achieve 20000 MW of power generation, 200 MMTPA of cargo handling and 200 MMTPA of coal mining.

And now, yesterday we have signed MOUs for investment of more than 80,000 Crore in this Vibrant Gujarat 2011.

Dear Friends, not because Gujarat is my *Janambhoomi* ; and not because Gujarat is my *Karmabhoomi*, but, based on my pan India experience, I can state with courage of conviction that Gujarat is the best investment destination and I owe my success and progress to this state. May I also further add that such a huge success would not have been possible, if the seeds of our business were sown in any other state.

only in Gujarat you can achieve double the progress in half the time !!

To quote few examples, we, at Adani Group, have commissioned India's first Super critical thermal power unit at Mundra in flat 36 months, world's largest coal terminal at Mundra in 30 months and Dahej Port in 28 months, and so on.

Without hesitation, I would like to say that it would have been difficult for us to achieve such world records for our projects, had the support of Govt administration not been with us.

Govt of Gujarat has facilitated execution of projects worth Tens of billions of dollars. After such great successes and achievements and signing MOUs worth _____ Crores in 2 days: any other Government will rest on these laurels for life ! But not in Gujarat !!

Even after such achievements, Narendrabhai dreams even bigger with every passing day and most importantly converts them into reality with support and participation of masses, industry and Administration. The secret of his success lies in making everyone a part of his mission !

Let me tell you now what I have always heard from people : that Gujaratis can live anywhere but cannot live without their own food, they cannot live without their Khakhra, without their dhokala or without their thepalabut let me tell you in my experience ... I think a Gujarati can live without his Khakhra , dhokala or thepala ...but one thing they cannot live withoutis SUCCESS !

For a Gujarati, success is even more important than his own food.

We, at Adani have also been following the same tradition of Gujarat and therefore our MOTTO; the MOTTO of Adani Group is "Business of Success". We shall forever be inspired by this culture of success, which is the soul of Gujarat !!

Today, Gujarat is bubbling with energy, bubbling with ideas, bubbling with entrepreneurship, bubbling with mass participation, bubbling with inclusive growth and beyond anything bubbling with pride for having the credibility, law & order, prosperity and leadership of Narendrabhai.

Having taken inspiration from Narendrabhai, we have also decided to contribute for inclusive growth by creating Educational centers of excellence and making them accessible to underprivileged children of Gujarat. While at Adani Vidya Mandir, we provide basic education, at Adani Medical Institute: we prepare our children for spreading Medical services and at Adani Institute of Infra Management: we are creating Managers for providing their contribution in building world class infrastructure. Going forward, we are embarking on a journey to create better employability for our rural youth by providing them training at Vocational Training Schools. We have decided to open these Vocational Training Schools all across Gujarat starting from Kutch. And I am very pleased to announce that by next Vibrant Gujarat, many of these training schools will become functional.

Ladies and gentlemen; Gujarat has been a very fertile land; for philosophy, for innovation, for cooperatives, for entrepreneurship and above all; for leadership !

Gujarat has given philosophy of non violence and peace, Gujarat has given scientists like Vikram Sarabhai, Gujarat has given cooperative movements like Amul, Gujarat has given business leaders like Kasturbhai Lalbhai and Dhirubhai Ambani; and above all - Gujarat has given leaders like Mahatma Gandhi and Sardar Vallabhbhai Patel. Now, taking the same tradition forward, Narendrabhai is leading the mass movement of Growth and prosperity for making Gujarat the best place to have an Industry and best place to live !!

The confluence of politics, business and statesmanship is unique to our state and Narendrabhai has ensured that this confluence results in economic growth and social upliftment of the masses.

નરેન્દ્રભાઈ, ગુજરાતની સોનેરી ગાથાના આજના ઐતિહાસિક પ્રસંગે હું આપને એક દિલ ની વાત કરવા માંગું છું.

મને ગુજરાતી હોવાનો ગર્વ હતો, છે અને હંમેશા રહેશે. પણ આજે એની અનુભૂતિ એવા પ્રકારની છે જેનું હું વર્ણન કરી શકું તેમ નથી. આજે વિશ્વમાં ગુજરાતની ગરિમા સર્વોપરી છે અને તેનો સંપૂર્ણ શ્રેય આપને જાય છે. આ મારી એકલાની નહિ પણ અહીં બેઠેલા તમામ ગુજરાતી ભાઈ - બહેનો ની લાગણી છે અને તે માટે મારા અને સર્વે વતી આપને હૃદયપૂર્વક ધન્યવાદ આપું છું.

In the end, I would like to invite each of the business leaders to establish industry in Gujarat and participate in the festival called growth !!

Lastly, I would like to say ::

Milayenge haan, aap bhi meri baat mein ;

Industry to lagaiye Gujarat mein !

Jai Jai Garvi GujaratJai Hind.