

Startup Conclave & Exhibition – 2025, Gandhinagar

Organised by: Industries & Mines Department, Government of Gujarat

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Overview

The Startup Conclave & Exhibition 2025 was inaugurated by Union Home Minister Shri Amit Shah in the presence of Chief Minister Shri Bhupendra Patel, marking Gujarat's continued leadership in the startup revolution. The event aimed to advance Prime Minister Shri Narendra Modi's vision of "Mind to Market" and strengthen India's global standing as a hub for innovation and entrepreneurship.



India's startup ecosystem has witnessed remarkable growth, recording a 380% surge in the past decade with over 1.92 lakh startups, 120+ unicorns, and a combined valuation exceeding USD 350 billion. The country has advanced from 91st to 38th in the Global Innovation Index, aiming to reach the top 10 within three years, while women-led enterprises now account for 48% of startups and 37% originate from Tier-2 and Tier-3 cities, together generating 17.9 lakh jobs nationwide.



Union Home Minister Shri Amit Shah emphasized how startups have transformed India's youth into job creators, supported by initiatives such as the ₹10,000 crore Fund of Funds, higher loan limits, tax exemptions, PLI schemes, and reforms in GST and law simplification. Gujarat emerged as the leading startup state with over 16,000 startups, including 6,650 in Ahmedabad.

Chief Minister Shri Bhupendra Patel highlighted Gujarat's efforts under "Make in India, made for the World," expanding exports in defense and toys, fostering digital adoption through UPI, and supporting innovation with i-Hubs, AI Labs, and the ₹350 crore Gujarat Young Entrepreneurs Venture Fund, resulting in more than 12,500 active startups in the state.

GSPMA Attendees:

Mr. Anish Patel, Mr. Mansukh Savaliya, Mr. Dhanpat Malu, Mr. Narendra Lunia, Mr. Vrajlal Vaghasiya, Mr. Ramesh Thummar & Mr. Shailesh Patel



Key Highlights

Special Initiatives at the Event

- Signing of 7 MoUs in the presence of Shri Amit Shah.
- Launch of NEP-2020 Dashboard.
- Release of Coffee Table Book, 5-Year Implementation Book of NEP-2020, and Compilation on Indian Knowledge System.
- Presentation of Cyber Rakshak Natya Utsav Awards and cheques to startup investors.

Conclusion

The Startup Conclave 2025 reinforced Gujarat's role as India's startup hub, aligning with the Prime Minister's vision of Atmanirbhar Bharat and Viksit Bharat@2047. With robust policy support, infrastructural initiatives, and the growing participation of youth and women entrepreneurs, India is on track to become one of the world's top 10 innovation leaders in the coming years.

