

## FICCI Gujarat

- **State Profile**

Located on the west coast of India and connected to major ports of UK, Middle East, Africa, East Asia and Australia, the State of Gujarat is poised to become the global business hub of India. Today, brand 'Gujarat' is globally recognized for its inclusive, sustainable and rapid growth. There has been a marked increase in foreign investments in the State's key sectors.

Enjoying consistently a higher growth over the last decade, Gujarat is India's most industrialized and urbanized state with 38 % of GDP contributed by secondary sector.

Gujarat offers wide opportunities even in times of a shaky global economy, driven by its entrepreneurial spirit, strategic maritime location, next-generation infrastructure, stable transparent governance, business-friendly policies and long-term vision.

- **Overview**

FICCI Gujarat State Council was established in 2003. Initially, though based out of Vadodara, FICCI- GSC soon launched a full-fledged operations base out of Ahmedabad in 2008.

FICCI- GSC works closely with the Government & Industry on policy issues, enhancing efficiency, competitiveness and expanding business opportunities for the industry through a wide spectrum of specialized services and global linkages. It plays an important role in the **Vibrant Gujarat Series of Investors' Summit** organized by the Government of Gujarat.

FICCI- GSC has been undertaking unique and landmark events: organizing an Open House **'Direct Tax Code- A Dialogue with Gujarat'** in association with more than 25 Regional Chambers and Professional Associations, creating a convergence platform for the **Global Bird Watchers' Conference**, representing the Govt. of Gujarat at the **World Travel Market.**, London, the hosting of five high-level foreign delegations with over 250 delegates, are among varied initiatives undertaken by the State Council.

Gujarat State Council was the first State Council to have formed sectoral sub-committees for Healthcare, Tourism, SMEs & Education to organize focused activities. The council also organized the 1<sup>st</sup> conference which was relayed live on the Webinar Platform.

In 2010, FICCI- Gujarat Tourism to partner with the Government in organizing seminars, conferences, in- bound delegations, B2B Meetings, road shows, press meets, research studies, international tourism exhibitions etc.

It is also instrumental in organizing numerous in-bound and outbound delegations, Seminars and Conferences between various industry sectors.

FICCI Gujarat State Council, as always led other State offices in organizing State Council meeting. FICCI GSC has been one of the best performing state offices of FICCI consequently for the last 4 years.

FICCI GSC has showed willingness to engage members to decide "the way ahead" for the State Council. As a result of which, it has continued to receive support from its members to

carry forward initiatives to enhance efficiency and global competitiveness of industries in Gujarat.