

# Vibrant startup summit to be held in October

**Ahmedabad:** In the run-up to the Vibrant Gujarat Global Summit scheduled to be held in January, 2017, the state government has decided to hold a two-day summit exclusively for startups. This will be among several events which will be conducted as a precursor to the VGS 2017. The Vibrant Gujarat Startup Summit will be held on October 21-22 at Mahatma Mandir in Gandhinagar.

In this event the Gujarat government, which has offered many incentives to promote startups in the state, aims to set up a robust ecosystem for startups by focusing on entrepreneurs, innovation and technology.

Arvind Agarwal, additional chief secretary, industries and mines department, said: "We want to attract startup companies in manufacturing, technology and other sectors from within the state and other parts of the nation. The government will also hold road shows in various cities of the state as well as in Mumbai, Bengaluru, Hyderabad and New Delhi to popularize the event."

The state government hopes to attract 3,500 delegates to attend the more than 20 sessions revolving around startups. "The two-day event will focus on developing a startup ecosystem to compete with the best in the world and create a lasting network of relationships among all the stakeholders," added Sunil Parekh, a core committee member, VG Startup Summit 2016. TNN