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1030-1130 hours

Plenary Session 5: Session with States- Invested in India

Welcome



Raman Sidhu

Past President and Founding Member,
PAFI &
Chief Executive Officer,
EBG Federation

He is the Chief Executive Officer, EBG Federation (erstwhile European Business Group), an Independent Director on the Board of Selan Technologies & YPO-Gold South Asia, Senior Adviser to TMF-Group & to Accord senior executive search. He is a Life Trustee of the Foundation for Aviation & Sustainable Tourism & a Member of the Council of SpeakIn Bureau. He is a Member of the National Executive Committee of FICCI.

Mr. Sidhu's career spanned over 3 decades as an Investment Banker & a Corporate Banker. He has also served as an Independent Director on the Boards of various MNCs including G4S & Deutsche Postbank Home Finance as well as PSUs such as BHEL, NHPC, IILFS & NTC. He has served as a Member of the Core Committee on Corporate Governance of 5 of the Ministry of Finance & Corporate Affairs. He has in the past also served as a Consultant to the Industry Minister of Trinidad & Tobago on behalf of the Commonwealth Secretariat, London.

Mr. Raman Sidhu, FCA read Economic (Honours) at St. Stephen's College, Delhi University. He qualified as a Chartered Accountant from The Institute of Chartered Accountants in England & Wales (ICAEW) & is a Fellow of the ICAEW & ICAI.



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Moderator



Dilip Chenoy
Secretary General
FICCI

Dilip is currently Secretary General of the Federation of Indian Chambers of Commerce and Industry (FICCI). He leads the permanent secretariat of the industry chamber, which is the largest and oldest apex business organisation in India, and a potent voice for policy change. FICCI represents over 2,50,000 members through Member Bodies covering all the States of India.

Before joining FICCI, Dilip served as Managing Director & CEO of the National Skill Development Corporation (NSDC). NSDC fosters private sector investment and initiatives in training and skill development.

Dilip has also worked in several key industry organizations, including SIAM as its Director General. He was a member of the Harvard Business School project under Professor Michael Porter that worked on the competitiveness of Indian industry. With varied experiences of working in the private sector, he advises start-ups including organisations in the digital, education, skills and livelihood space. Dilip has also served as Chairman of an Engineering Institute.

A fellow of the World Academy of Productivity Science (WAPS), he was awarded the Indian Achievers Award in 2018, The Game Changer Award in 2015 and the Rashtriya Media Ratan Award in 2013.



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Panel



K T Rama Rao

Cabinet Minister for IT E&C, MA&UD and
Industries & Commerce Departments
Government of Telangana

Sri Kalvakuntla Taraka Rama Rao, the Cabinet Minister for IT E&C, MA&UD and Industries & Commerce Departments, is a legislator from Sircilla Assembly Constituency. He got elected from the Sircilla constituency in 2009, 2014 and 2018. Sri K.T. Rama Rao was born on July 24, 1976 in Siddipet, Telangana. He has completed his schooling from St. George's Grammar School, Hyderabad and earned the Bachelor's Degree in Microbiology from Nizam College, Hyderabad. He has two post-graduate degrees – M.Sc. in Biotechnology from the University of Pune and MBA in Marketing and e-Commerce from Baruch College-City, University of New York, New York.

Prior to Ministry: After completing his MBA, Sri K.T. Rama Rao worked in the US for six years – from 2001 to 2006. Riding on keen observation of politics since childhood, global exposure and rich professional experience, Sri K.T. Rama Rao jumped into the bandwagon of fulltime politics in 2006. He played an active part in the fruitful phase of Telangana Statehood movement between 2009 and 2014.

Sri Rama Rao held key ministerial portfolios in the previous cabinet between 2014 and 2018. On 2nd June, 2014, he was sworn-in as Minister for IT, Panchayat Raj & Rural Development. Sri KT Rama Rao took charge of Municipal Administration & Urban Development, Industries & Commerce, Mining, and NRI affairs Departments in 2016 and was relieved from Panchayat Raj and Rural Development Department. Sri KT Rama Rao was reinducted into the Telangana Cabinet on 8th September, 2019 as the Minister for IT, Industries & Commerce and Municipal Administration & Urban Development.

Unflinching resolve, commitment and inclination to fight for the welfare and development of the State made Sri K.T. Rama Rao to work with wide spectrum of industry and political leaders in India and abroad. He has provided visionary leadership and put in relentless efforts in reimagining and reorienting the Departments he was assigned. As the Minister for IT, Sri K.T. Rama Rao has come



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up with a comprehensive plan to cater to the multi-dimensional requirements of the IT industry and has been backed by his

dedicated and competent officers and staff. Several initiatives have been launched under his able leadership since 2014.

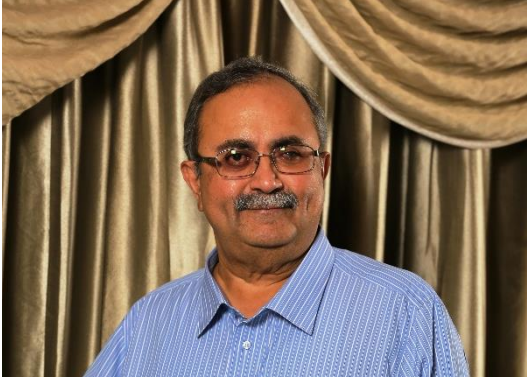
Flagship Initiatives:

- TS-iPASS: Legally enforced 'Ease of Doing Business' for industry
- T Hub: Largest incubator in India for startups
- TASK: Skilling the graduates to be job and industry-ready
- SoFTNET: To provide quality education harnessing the potential of satellite communications and Information Technology.
- FiberGrid: Optic fiber to 10 million homes
- T App Folio: A one-stop solution for citizens' needs for government services
- WE-Hub: First-of-its-kind and only State-run platform for Women Entrepreneurs
- TSIC: To promote the culture of innovation in Government departments and organizations. To inculcate the culture of innovation from the school level.
- T-Works: India's largest hardware prototyping centre which aims to create and celebrate a culture of hobbyists, makers, and innovators
- T-Wallet: To make payments for both Government and Private transactions to avail services.
- Hy-Fi: To transform Hyderabad as the first Wi-Fi enabled city in India
- 2020 Year of Artificial Intelligence (AI): Telangana Government has declared 2020 as the Year of Artificial Intelligence (AI). The IT Dept has set in motion a series of initiatives with a view to make the next ten years as Telangana's decade of AI.

Sri K.T. Rama Rao, a devout public servant with remarkable vision and unfettered passion, has been striving to transform the nascent Telangana into Golden Telangana - a euphemism for the all-round development of the State.



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Saurabhbhai Patel

Energy Minister
Government of Gujarat

BIRTH DATE : 28th August. 1958

BIRTHPLACE : Ahmedabad

ACADEMIA : B.Com .. M.B.A. (USA)

OCCUPATION : Business in Plastics and Chemicals Industry

FAMILY DETAILS : **Wife:** Smt. Ilaben Saurabhbhai Patel (Dalal) **Son:** Abhay Saurabhbhai Patel (Dalal)

POLITICAL HIGHLIGHTS:

Member of Gujarat Legislative Assembly (1998-Present)

Served as Minister in charge of Energy & Petrochemicals

Mines & Minerals

Finance

Cottage Industries

Salt Industries

Printing and Stationery

Planning

Tourism

Civil Aviation

Labour and Employment

ENERGY AND PETROCHEMICALS DEPARTMENT:

Implemented **Jyoti Gram Yojana**. a scheme of the Government of Gujarat. which provides 24 hours continuous three phase quality power to all 18.065 villages and 9702 petaparas of Gujarat



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Successfully restructured the erstwhile **Gujarat Electricity Board (GEB)** into seven companies. resulting in earned surplus of Rs.202 Crores in the year 2005-06 against the loss of Rs.2.543 Crores in the year 2000-07.

Transforming Gujarat into the "**Energy Hub of the Nation**" by implementing power projects with installed capacity of 38,357 MW.

Transforming Gujarat into the "**Petro Capital of India**" having highest growth and utmost development in this sector.

Led the Government of Gujarat into the field of Green Energy by declaring a **Solar Policy** by installing projects for 2622MW Solar Capacity.

Implemented **Surya Shakti Kisan Vojna (SKY)**. A one of its kind initiative in India by the Government of Gujarat to double the farmer's income by selling on-grid surplus solar energy after irrigating their land.

INDUSTRIES AND MINES DEPARTMENT

Successfully organized **Vibrant Gujarat Global Summit 2013**. wherein a total of 2.100 delegates from 121 countries attended 127 seminars on different topics. forging 2.670 strategic partnership intentions

Successfully organized **Vibrant Gujarat Global Summit 2009**. wherein 3346 MOUs were signed covering an investment of Rs.12.34 lakh Crores with 25 lakh employment potential

Declared **Industrial Policy 2009** to provide a greater scope for inclusive growth by accelerated Industrial Development

Enacted **Special Investment Region Act 2009** to provide integrated industrial development in certain areas

Finalized the **Policy for Industrial Land** acquired by GIDC to preserve the interests of land losers

FINANCE DEPARTMENT

Successfully implemented the **VAT act**

Increased the State's Gross Domestic Product to Rs.3.37.217 Crores in 2008-09 as compared to Rs.1.11.739 Crores in the year 2000-07

Restricted and reduced the State's non-development expenditure from Rs.26.479.88 Crores in 2002-03 to Rs.15.799 Crores in 2008-09. Rs.19.276 Crores in 2009-10. Rs.227.08 Crores in 2010-11

Enacted the **Fiscal Responsibility Act** and laid down various fiscal targets to be achieved in the next four years

Constantly increased the State's development expenditure from Rs.15.607 Crores in 2002-03 to Rs.45.859 Crores in 2010-11



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Sidharth Nath Singh

Cabinet Minister - Micro, Small and Medium Enterprises,
Investment & Export, NRI, Sericulture, Textile & Handloom,
Khadi & Gramodyog
Government of Uttar Pradesh

Born on 1st Oct in a family of freedom fighters. He is the grandson of the second Prime Minister of India Sh. Lal Bahadur Shastri .

He is the student of economics from Hindu College, University of Delhi

Mr Singh joined Bhartiya Janta Party in 1995, the ruling party of India

He had held many positions in the party like National Spokesperson, National Secretary, National Executive Member before becoming Cabinet Minister for Medical & Health, U.P and also for US-UP strategic partnership.

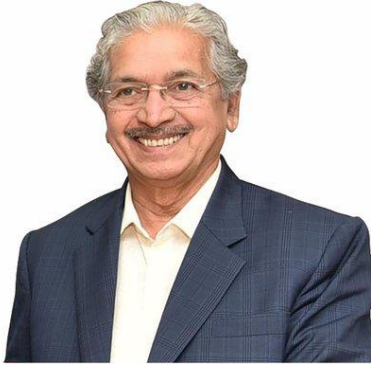
Mr Singh is also the Chairman of Joint Working Group between Government of Uttar Pradesh and NITI Aayog (Planning body of Government of India)

Mr. Singh is married to Dr, Nita Singh, Dental Surgeon and has two sons Sidhant & Nishant

Mr, Singh being a reformer is also the Spokesperson of Government of Uttar Pradesh



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Subhash Desai

Minister of Industries, Mining and
Marathi Language
Government of Maharashtra

Mr. Subhash Desai started social work 45 years ago for the social and cultural progress of Goregaon through various schemes. In 1962, he became active for the socio-political, educational and cultural progress of Maharashtra. A look at their life's journey reveals a unique personality. Looking at his journey so far, his loving faith in Goregaonkars and his political party 'Shiv Sena', his sense of responsibility and sense of duty cannot be overstated. Due to his social work as well as his inner passion for the masses and his unique combination of studious attitude and hardworking leadership, he has succeeded in giving a happy, prosperous life to the people of Goregaon today.

Like millions of young people, Subhash Desai was drawn to Balasaheb Thackeray. It was natural for the young class to be attracted to his brilliant leadership, his inner voice, his strong views on the issues of the society. With stubbornness and infinite loyalty, Shri. Subhash Desai joined the work of Shiv Sena, but Subhash Desai's perseverance and passion for Shiv Sena was not limited to getting a job or starting an independent business. He immersed himself in the work of Shiv Sena rather than personal purpose.

Under the leadership of Balasaheb, inspired by his ideas, Subhash Desai founded the organization 'Prabodhan Goregaon' in 1972, and Goregaon began its journey towards a different world. Prabodhan gave Goregaon a different identity. Since the inception of this socially useful organization, with the help of like-minded friends, he has set up social projects along with cultural, sports and health related activities such as oratory competitions, sports fairs, one-act plays, lectures. Hon'ble Shiv Sena chief Shri. Subhash Desai was given important responsibilities of the organization. It is the nature of Subhash Desai to make the work undertaken successful in a studious and planned manner, without fear of hardships!

Due to loyalty to Shiv Sena and Shiv Sena chief, social work, planned activities of the party, Shri. Subhash Desai was given the responsibility of Shiv Sena leadership. He won the Goregaon assembly constituency due to the faith shown by the Shiv Sena chief and the blessings of the



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people of Goregaon. Behind this success is not only the loyalty towards the party and the party leader, but also the love and intimacy towards the society and the social work done towards it.

Mr. Subhash Desai's extensive work in his constituency, blood bank, ozone swimming pool, computer education, personal help to the people, helping hand in times of difficulty, all these qualities make him the title of 'Karyasamrat'. This is happening due to the construction of many projects that have been done for a long time. It should be done first. ' This is the realization. Sarvartha made the name 'Lokneta' meaningful. Subhash Desai, a unique combination of sociology and politics, has come up with many grand concepts for the people of Goregaon. As per the promise of 'Yojakashtra Durlabh', the people of Goregaon have got a rare, skilled, well-planned artist. They are not even close to the stage in the event you have organized. Sitting in a chair far away, they enjoy the art at the same time and at the same time experience the response of the audience, the joy that comes to them.

Given the development of Goregaon by Subhash Desai, the high standard of living provided to the citizens of Goregaon, the cultural heritage preserved in Goregaon, the values cultivated for the future generation in Goregaon, this pattern of success is now hailed by the people of Mumbai as 'Goregaon Pattern'. Subhash Desai continues to walk the path of social service, for the betterment of the common man, for the betterment of the party - not only for the people of Goregaon, but also for the people of Maharashtra, giving them shade!



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Closing Remarks



Aman Jain

Head, Government Affairs and Public Policy
Google India

Aman leads Government Affairs and Public Policy for Google in India. Over a career spanning a decade and a half, Aman has worked in a global non-profit, think tank, education institution, own start-up, Government of India, and a political party. He has been published several number of times and holds an undergraduate degree in economics from the Delhi University, a Master's in Public Administration, and a Master's in International Relations (specialization on China) from the Maxwell School of Public Affairs, New York. He has travelled extensively and visited 52 countries across 5 continents thus far.