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Visit of the Gujarat delegation led by Education Minister Dr. Pradyuman Vaja to the Netherlands to promote Vibrant Gujarat and strengthen trade and investment cooperation

A high-level delegation from the Government of Gujarat, led by Hon'ble Minister of Education and Social Justice Dr. Pradyuman Vaja, visited the Netherlands from 18-21 November 2026 to promote the Vibrant Gujarat Global Summit 2027 and explore opportunities for strengthening trade, investment and industrial cooperation with leading Dutch companies and institutions.

2. The visit aimed to showcase Gujarat's investment potential and industrial ecosystem, particularly in sectors such as ports and maritime infrastructure, shipbuilding, semiconductors, advanced manufacturing, logistics, healthcare and water management.

3. On 19 November, the delegation visited the Port of Rotterdam, Europe's largest seaport, to gain insights into its port infrastructure, logistics operations and maritime ecosystem. The delegation also held meetings with leading Dutch companies, including Royal IHC and Damen Shipyards, to explore opportunities for cooperation in shipbuilding and maritime equipment manufacturing, and Boskalis and Van Oord, to discuss dredging, port development and maritime infrastructure projects.

4. The delegation also met representatives of Nexperia to explore opportunities for cooperation in the semiconductor sector. A visit to Erasmus Centre for Urban, Port, and Transport Economics provided an opportunity to exchange perspectives on maritime research, education and industry collaboration. The day's engagements concluded with a networking dinner hosted by Van Oord, bringing together representatives of the Dutch maritime community.

5. On 20 November, the delegation held a series of business meetings in Amsterdam with leading Dutch companies across diverse sectors. These included APM Terminals for port logistics and terminal operations; PAL-V for advanced air mobility; ASML and NXP for semiconductor technologies; Philips for medical technology and healthcare; Royal De Heus for animal nutrition; Microlan on innovative water technologies, and C-Green on Climate technologies.

6. The discussions focused on showcasing Gujarat's industrial capabilities, infrastructure and investment opportunities, while exploring potential partnerships in manufacturing, technology, research and industrial development.

7. The delegation also undertook a site visit to the iconic Afsluitdijk Dam, one of the Netherlands' major water management infrastructure projects. During the visit, the delegation interacted with representatives of the Dutch Ministry of Infrastructure and Water Management, Van Oord, Deltares and Haskoning. The discussions provided an opportunity to exchange experiences in flood protection, water management, hydraulic engineering and large-scale infrastructure development, areas of considerable relevance to Gujarat's development priorities.

8. The visit provided an important platform to engage directly with Dutch industry leaders, showcase Gujarat's strengths as a destination for investment and manufacturing, and encourage greater participation of Dutch businesses in the Vibrant Gujarat initiative.

9. The Netherlands is an important economic and technological partner for India, with strong capabilities in maritime infrastructure, semiconductor technologies, logistics, water management and advanced manufacturing. The delegation's engagements highlighted the significant potential for further strengthening economic and industrial partnerships between Gujarat and the Netherlands.

10. The Embassy of India, The Hague, remains committed to facilitating closer engagement between businesses and institutions of the two countries and supporting mutually beneficial trade, investment and technology partnerships.

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