

Delegation led by Education Minister Shri Bhupendrasinh Chudasama holds a roadshow in Kuwait under the maiden 'Study in Gujarat' campaign

Education Minister of Gujarat meets Minister of Higher Education Kuwait

January 15, 2020: The 'Study in Gujarat' is an initiative by the Department of Education, Government of Gujarat to showcase Gujarat as an education hub of India and invite students from abroad and other states of India to pursue higher education in the state.

Department of Education led by Minister of Education Shri Bhupendrasinh Chudasama and Principal Secretary Smt. Anju Sharma along with representatives of 19 universities of Gujarat with Ganpat University as the lead partner, in association with Embassy of India in Kuwait organised the maiden roadshow under the 'Study in Gujarat' campaign.

Educators, principals, teachers, parents, students, and representatives from universities in Kuwait, were present during the roadshow in large numbers. Ambassador of India to Kuwait Mr.K.Jeeva Sagar was also present on the occasion.

During his address, the Minister of Education said, "Hon'ble Prime Minister Shri Narendra Modi puts a great emphasis on collaboration through Education. With his inspiration and guidance by our Chief Minister Shri Vijay Rupani, we have initiated the Study in Gujarat program to showcase to achievements of Gujarat in education sector before the India and the world."

In his address, the Minister lauded Kuwait's efforts in giving utmost importance to the education sector. He said, "I have learnt that the country places a great emphasis on education which further strengthens our bond. With Gujarat having some of the finest world class institutes with state-of-the-art infrastructure, Kuwait and Gujarat can show the world the true meaning of a Knowledge based economy."

Talking about Gujarat, Shri Chudasama expressed, "As per the All India Survey on Education 2018-19, Gujarat is one of the top 7 states in India having 28 or more colleges per 1 lakh population. It is also one among the top 7 states with the highest number of colleges in India. One of the prime reasons for Gujarat's consistent green run is its safe environment coupled with a dedicated system of law and order."

Principal Secretary Smt. Anju Sharma said “The state accounts for 46% of the emerging start-ups in India. A number of policies have been formulated to promote small, medium and large sized companies, thus, number of students graduating from universities in Gujarat are “Going the start-up way. In addition to the entrepreneurial youth talent, we have a rich heritage coupled with industry growth and the safest environment to learn and grow. There are 493 patents filed under the Student Startup and Innovation Policy. There are more than 10,000 foreign students studying in various universities and colleges of Gujarat at present.”

She also elaborated on the growth model of Gujarat in each and every sector. The development is policy driven, transparent and goal oriented. The aim is to make students as job givers.

6 MoUs were signed during the event. The first MoU was signed between Swarnim Start-up University and Box Hill College in Kuwait in the field of design and innovation. The second MoU was signed between Gujarat Technical University and Box Hill College in the field of design and architecture. The third one was between CEPT and Box Hill College, the fourth being between GNLU and Box Hill College, fifth being between Sankalchand Patel University and Box Hill College, Kuwait , and the sixth one being between PDPU and Box Hill College.

The Road show followed an exhibition by the 19 partner universities, which was visited by more than 500 students.

On the second day, Hon’ble Minister Shri Chudasama also met Dr. Saud Al-Harbi, Minister of Higher Education, Government of Kuwait. Both the leaders agreed to strengthen the bonds of cooperation between Kuwait and Gujarat in the education sector. Dr. Saud Al-Harbi expressed his sincere desire for collaboration with Pandit Deendayal Petroleum University in the areas of petroleum engineering and research. The minister also held meetings with the Indian diaspora and the Gujarati Samaj. The Chairman of Indian Business and Professional Council Shri Anant Kapadia lauded the efforts of Gujarat Government and showed keen interest in the Study in Gujarat campaign. The delegation also visited the Kuwait University and met their President and visited couple of Indian Schools and interacted with the students.
