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ANIL AGARWAL | CHAIRMAN, VEDANTA RESOURCES

ting up projects here (Rajasthan) if there is anything that I need to take up with the chief

minister or the finance minister, they said they have got everything that they need for setting up their

projects ADI GODREJ | CHAIRMAN, GODREJ INDUSTRIES



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helping India move up on the global **'Ease of Doing Business' scale** ANAND MAHINDRA CHAIRMAN, M&M

already

3,000 crore in two solar projects of 140 MW capacity. As we look at the future, we believe that

Rajasthan is going to play a lead role in helping India achieve the commitment of our Prime Minister to achieve an ambitious target of 1 lakh MW solar power. We at the Reliance group have selected Rajasthan as our solar growth centre

in India ANIL AMBANI CHAIRMAN, RELIANCE GROUP

Like any corporation, Rajasthan is making progress by strengthen-

ing its existing growth generators.

identifying new ones and building a mix of hardware

and software to attract resources and establish alliances. We see this happening across areas such as tourism, renewable energy, urban infrastructure, investment promotion and public private partnerships CYRUS MISTRY | CHAIRMAN, TATA GROUP

economic matrix that matters for the growth of the nation are trending

in the right direction in India. The measures taken by

the central government has started showing results. Rajasthan under the able leadership of Vasundhara Raje is writing the best chapter in India's

growth story GAUTAM ADANI CHAIRMAN, ADANI GROUP



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Resurgent Raj A Movement To Take State Forward, Says Raje

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Jaipur: Chief minister Vasundhara Raje was visibly overjoyed on seeing the country's who's who sitting on the dais during the inaugural session of the Resurgent Rajasthan summit on Thursday. Raje gave a detailed description on what makes Rajasthan a preferred destination for investments.

"The Resurgent Rajasthan Partnership Summit is neither a brand, nor a slogan. Actually, it is a movement to take Rajasthan on the top of developed states," she said.

"Soon, Rajasthan would become the 'startups and innovation capital of India'. For this, an investment-friendly environment has been created. Now, we have to convert the MoUs signed before and during the summit into achievements on ground," she said.

Raje added that three pillars of Rajasthan's development model are - social justice, better governance and job creation.

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tolerant

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Jaipur: Union minister for

urban development Venkaiah

Naidu suddenly changed the

gear of his speech while ad-

dressing the inaugural ses-

sion of Resurgent Rajasthan

summit on Thursday. After

detailing reasons how Ra-

jasthan could be an ideal in-

vestment destination, Naidu

once again targeted those

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tolerance and intolerance. I

must say India is the most

tolerant country in the world.

We have never become intol-

erant, and that is the philoso-

phy of the nation," Naidu

said. He said, "Humara desh

vasudev kutumbhakam mein

vishwas rakhta hai (our coun-

try believes that the whole

world is one family)." Naidu

said that Indians are tolerant

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now it has changed to the

politics of development un-

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"People have given us the

der his leadership.

"There is a propaganda

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wish to replicate this success with other countries, companies and investors," she said.

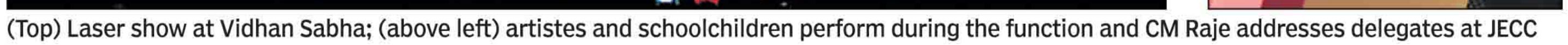
She added that Rajasthan was among the frontrunner states in announcing a start-up policy.

"Reforms have been carried out in infrastructure development, labour sector, education, healthcare, water, power and more. As a result of this, Rajasthan secured 6th position in the 'ease of doing business' ranking of the World Bank and 3rd in the Reserve Bank of India report on the states suitable as investment destinations," she added.

She said that her government was among the firsts to allot mining leases through e-auction. The state also took initiative in repealing 61 archaic Principal Acts and 187 Amendment Acts," the CM added.

Raje said that despite shortage of arable land and water, Rajasthan is a leading state in production of mustard, seed spices, wool, henna, guar, gram, millets, wheat, oranges, cereals and more. She said that Rajasthan is specially focussing on sectors like electronics systems development





& manufacturing (ESDM), defence sub-system manufacturing, ceramics, solar, power, roads, healthcare, technical and higher education. Also, development of the traditional areas like farm machinery, food processing, warehousing, cold chains, tourism and hospitality would be priority, she added.

Raje hailed prime minister Narendra Modi for empowering

the states through cooperative federalism and presenting a blueprint for country's development through programmes like Make In India, Digital India, Skill India,

Swachh Bharat etc. She said that opening up of foreign director investments (FDIs) in various sectors would benefit Rajasthan. She hoped that Rajasthan would become the first state in receiving FDIs in tourism and infrastructure sectors.

"The FDI is gradually being introduced in various key sectors of the state, and the administration is taking appropriate steps to simplify existing clearance mechanisms to facilitate better delivery of goods and services to the people of the state," she said.

"A few days back, we welcomed the FDI in a host of sec-

tors. This was accompanied by simplification of processes. We have allowed FDI in construction projects, defence and plantation activities, and (clearance) processes are much easier," she said.

She further stated that the FDI in regional airlines will give a huge impetus to the state's tourism sector. "We intend to be the first state to capitalise on this," Raje added.

Experts bat for use of more technology in healthcare

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Jaipur: On the first day of Resurgent Rajasthan summit on Thursday, the state authorities tried to attract private players to invest in the healthcare sector.

Health minister Rajendra Rathore talked about the achievements of his department in the past two years — be it a cadaver heart transplant, efforts to increase the number of MBBS seats in the state from 900 to 2,100, proposed seven new medical colleges and above all Bhamashah Health Insurance Scheme which could act as a driving force to attract the private inves-

However, healthcare experts advocated for reforms in health policies and innovation to encourage the use of more technology at a time when shortage of doctors is a big challenge in the state.

At a session on 'transforming healthcare delivery in Rajasthan', cardiac surgeon and Narayana Hrudayalaya chairman Dr Devi Prasad Shetty said, "The AYUSH (ayurveda, yoga, unani, siddha and homeopathy) doctors should be given permission to prescribe 47 basic allopathic medicines."

He added that nurses are also not legally allowed to prescribe medicines even after 20 years of experience. "They cannot prescribe even simple paracetamol medicine. Now, there is a lack of interest among youngsters in nursing courses," Dr



Rajendra Rathore with Prabhu Lal Saini during a cultural programme on Thursday

Shetty said. The experts suggested remedies for improving healthcare facilities.

Mohandas Pai, chairman, Manipal Global, who was a keynote speaker, raised the point of lack of quality medical facilities for the patients, especially in rural areas. "We die younger," he said while comparing the average life span of a person with people of other countries like Japan.

Patricia Hewitt, chair, UK India Business Council (UKIBC), who has also served in Tony Blair's cabinet as secretary of state for health (2005-2007), said, while referring to Rajasthan, "We have so much to learn from each other and share with each other."

She elaborated that there are possibilities of investments from UK in the state. "During hugely successful visit of PM Narendra Modi to UK last week, we were able to announce setting up of Indo-UK Institute of Health in partnership with Dr Ajay Gupta, a surgeon, and King's College hospital (London) in Medicity in Chandigarh. They are very keen to sign an MoU with the government of Rajasthan for a 100 million pound investment in a

similar health institute in

similar Medicity in Ra-

jasthan," said Hewitt, who was responsible for the hugely popular smoking ban at enclosed public places

Kiran Mazumdar-Shaw, chairperson, CII National Committee on Biotechnology Limited, and Daljit Singh of Fortis Healthcare Limited spoke on e-healthcare, effective diagnostic centres and need for more technology in healthcare sector for screening of patients with hi-tech and modern equipment. Shaw said that if a patient is diagnosed with a disease in early stage, there are more chances of effective treatment of the patient.

Govt to put tourism on mission mode

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Jaipur: The Centre is all set to take tourism in the mission mode given the fact that it has a multiplier effect on the economy. Tourists in distress or doubt will now be able to get assistance at their fingertips by just dialing 1,363. The helpline that is available only in Hindi and English will soon have 12 more languages to assist foreign and domestic tourists, said Dr Mahesh Sharma while speaking at the sectoral session at the Resurgent Rajasthan, "Leveraging Tourism for Sustainable Development."

"The government has not taken tourism in the mission mode. The biggest ambassador for tourism is our prime minister and he understands the important role that tourism plays. Within 10 days, we would be coming up with a new aviation policy that would connect tier II and tier III cities and improve air connectivity in Rajasthan also," Sharma said.

Besides laying due stress on skill development, Sharma announced that hotel management institutes would be opened at Jhalawar, Baran and Dholpur. The previously announced Food Craft Institute at Sawai Madhopur would also be upgraded to a hotel management institute. "Add to that Rs 98 crore have also been approved for a spirituality circuit in Rajasthan that would connect several significant places of pilgrimage in Rajasthan," said Sharma. The session highlighted the dependence of Rajasthan's economy on tourism as well as its potential for economic growth of the state in the future. According to a tourism study, by the year 2030, tourism sector would

be able to create 67 mn jobs, the panel emphasized. Speaking on the occasion Shailendra Agarwal, principal secretary tourism in his welcome address said, "In order to facilitate investors in the tourism sector, the state has a well chalked out tourism unit policy wherein all the requisite licenses would be issued for a period of 10 years. Now the investor won't have to run around every year to re-new their different licenses."

of prime minister Narendra Modi," he added. TNN **Suzlon** is very excited about the solar-wind hybrid project in Rajasthan which will drive up transmission efficiency. We have signed an MoU with the state government for 1,500 MW which

TULSI TANTI CMD, SUZLON GROUP

will require Rs 12,000 crore investment and the first phase of 500 MW will be completed next year

For a person who travels and spends lot of time between the financial capital of Mumbai and the political capital of Delhi, I must say, between these two

capitals, Jaipur and Rajasthan will always have a very big role to play in the future of India

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ary, we will open our R&D centre just outside of Jaipur in Kukas. This, to my mind, is more than world-class. I can very safely say that you can come and invest in this friendly state. In every state,

you have some issues. But, by and large, most of the investors are satisfied here. But we would like a little more speed in clearance and approval processes PAWAN MUNJAL | CMD, HERO MOTOCORP



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