

Vibrant Gujarat Regional Conferences



The Government of Gujarat has been organising Vibrant Gujarat Regional Conferences across the state with vision of Viksit Bharat @ 2047. For South Gujarat Region, it was organised during May 1-2, 2026 at AURO University, Surat.

Dr. Suresh Kumar Chaudhari, Director General, The Fertiliser Association of India, was the Moderator and Keynote Speaker for the theme **on Achieving Self Reliance Strategy for Import Substitution in the Fertiliser Sector** scheduled on 1 May 2026. Mr. Rushikesh Ganeshbhai Patel, Hon'ble Minister of Energy and Petrochemicals, Panchayat and Rural Housing, Legislative and Parliamentary Affairs; and Mr. Kaushikbhai Kanbhai Vekariya, Hon'ble Minister of State for Law and Justice, Energy and Petrochemicals, Legislative and Parliamentary Affairs also graced the occasion.

DG, FAI, discussed the subject on the basis of short-, medium- and long-term strategies.

In short-term, the way forward is to improve efficiency and capacity of existing plants; explore joint venture in countries rich in natural resources; prioritize allocation of natural gas to fertiliser sector; incentivize indigenous production of P&K fertilisers; use of green ammonia for complex fertiliser production with a conducive policy to be in place; promote natural-farming/organic farming, wherever, feasible; find out ways and means to enhance nutrient use efficiency; encourage balance fertilisation by proper policy regime; promote alternative fertilisers, etc. For medium-term, the way forward is creation of new capacity addition in urea plants based on domestically available resources such as coal; exploit domestic rock phosphate and potash reserves; increase use of green ammonia for production of complex fertilisers; explore avenues for joint ventures in countries rich in natural resources; investigate possibility for use of renewable energy in existing plants, etc.

For long-term way, new capacity addition based on renewable energy/greener feedstock for urea production and adoption of technology for products of phosphoric acid to utilize domestically available low-grade rock phosphate will be desirable.

Mr. Yoendra Kumar, Marketing Director, IFFCO; Dr. Manish Das, Director & Project Coordinator, ICAR Directorate of Medicinal and Aromatic Plants Research; Mr. Vipul Garg, Senior Pricing Reporter, S&P Global Energy; Dr. V.P. Chovatia, Vice Chancellor, Junagadh Agricultural University and Dr. Harish K. Shukia, Technical Adviser, acted as panellists and provided the inputs related to the subject.

Hon'ble Minister appreciated the address and points raised by DG, FAI and the panellists.
