

Vibrant summit

Science students, rejoice! 9 Nobel laureates to meet you

The laureates in chemistry, physics and medicine will interact with students and scientists and also visit IIT-Gn, GU and MSU; 20,000 MoUs to be signed

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With focus on increasing scientific awareness among students, this year's Vibrant Gujarat will host nine Nobel laureates in the field of science. Gujarat Chief Secretary J N Singh told *Mirror*, "The thrust is on connecting Gujarat to the rest of the world through dialogues and exchange of ideas. The address by the laureates will be broadcast live in schools across the state. They will also visit institutions like IIT Gandhinagar, MS University Vadodara and Gujarat University and interact with the students. The programme will stimulate innovation and creative thinking in science among the youth of Gujarat and give them a boost."

What's in store

A team of 250 government officers of class-1 and above including 25 IAS officers is involved in organising the summit, Singh said. A special CEO conclave will also be held in which more than 50 CEOs from across the world will discuss financial issues regarding the state as well as the country with the Finance Minister Arun Jaitley and the Prime Minister Narendra Modi.

Singh added that this time eight other states and nine partner countries of the event will organise seminars led by top experts to showcase the investment opportunities available in their regions.

CONTEST FOR STUDENTS

The 'Nobel Prize Series Exhibition,' which will be kicked off by Prime Minister Narendra Modi at Gujarat Science City on January 10 will go on till February 12. As part of the series, a na-



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Who are the nine honourees

The list of laureates includes India-born and Gujarat-educated Dr. Venkataraman Ramakrishnan, Ada Yonath both of whom won the Nobel Prize in Chemistry in 2009; Dr. Richard J Roberts, Nobel Laureate in Physiology/Medicine in 1983; Dr. Harold Varmus, Nobel Prize Winner in Physiology/Medicine of 1989; Dr David J Gross, member of the Indian Academy of Science and 2004 Nobel Prize Winner in Physics; Dr Serge Haroche, 2012 Nobel Prize Winner in Physics; Dr Randy Schekman, 2013 Nobel Prize Winner in Physiology/Medicine; Dr W E Moerner, who won the 2014 Nobel Prize in Chemistry, and Prof Dr H C Hartmut Michel, who received the 1988 Nobel Prize in Chemistry.

tion-wide Ideathon contest will be held and participating students from all over India can earn a chance to meet and interact with the Nobel laureates.

A symposium will also be held on January 10 on two themes: Innovation and its Uses to Spur Social Benefits and Innovation and Economic Growth.

The symposium will be attended by ministers and ambassadors of 56 countries, eminent Indian scientists, dignitaries from the government and

industry leaders.

Around 20,000 MOUs (Memorandum of Understanding) are likely to be signed at the summit.

"Around 67% of the total MOUs that were signed in previous editions of the summit have become successful or are on the verge of completion. An exhibition showcasing 100 successful projects will also be held," said Singh.

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ir MOUs, Singh said, "It is not easy to establish a single-window system as all the departments are interconnected. This week the CM met several industrialists and this was followed by meetings with the Forest, Revenue and Urban Development departments. All the grievances have been taken note of and the process of reviewing and sorting them has begun."

'PROJECTS SHELVED WHEN FIRMS FACE DIFFICULTIES'

Headed, "As far as MOUs are concerned the government never goes back on its words. It is the companies who face difficulties in financial arrangements and market demands post the signing because of which some projects have to be shelved."

Commenting on the impact of the recent prohibition rules on the event Singh said, "The rules have always been the same for the delegates like all the other citizens. If the hotel where they are being accommodated has the permit to serve alcohol then it is their choice whether they want to consume it or not."

Singh added that the summit is going to bring in thousands of job opportunities both directly as well as indirectly.

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