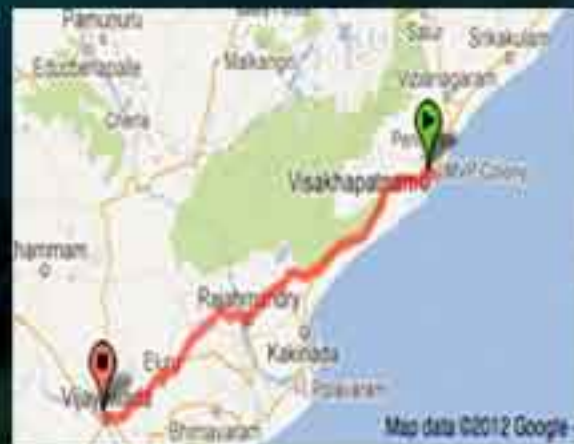


Visakhapatnam is a major port city on the east coast of India and is fast emerging as India's eastern gateway. Strategically located on the eastern section of India's Golden Quadrilateral, a system of highways that connect the major cities in India, Visakhapatnam is the ideal gateway for businesses that want to setup manufacturing units, logistic hubs, R&D centers to cater to over 100 million people living in Coastal Andhra Pradesh, Chattisgarh and Orissa. Visakhapatnam is also strategically located for industries that want to setup export oriented units in several of the SEZs that are located in and around the Visakhapatnam region.

Gravity 2.0 is a not-for-profit organization created with the mission of creating a platform for developing a common vision, set of goals and action plans to transform various regions where it operates into great places to live and work with both economic and social prosperity for all segments of the society.

It operates through 5 societies:

- Gravity 2.0 Ethical Business Society
- Gravity 2.0 Supercities and Habitats Society
- Gravity 2.0 Education and Skills Society
- Gravity 2.0 Economics and Planning Society
- Gravity 2.0 Science and Technology Society



Gravity 2.0 works throughout the year through Gravity 2.0 Roundtable's that bring working groups from across the Gravity 2.0 Societies together for achieving incremental progress on the long term goals of Gravity 2.0.

Gravity 2.0 Vizag Bay Chapter is the first chapter of Gravity 2.0.

G2-VB functions with the goals of :

- Brand Vizag-Vijayawada Region as a Super-City cluster stretching from Srikakulam to Vijayawada.
- Identify and project key strengths and opportunities.
- Help formulate plans and assist corporations and municipalities with creative ways to transform the region supporting Enhancement of High level of socio economic prosperity, economic security, access to affordable and high quality education, health care and clean environment.
- Establish the region as one of the top regions in the country in terms of GDP and other key social development and equity metrics.

Structure of the Regional Economic Summit G2-EPS VB-RES 2012

The regional economic summit is organized as a natural progression of debate and discussions spread over 5 sessions. Articulating a shared vision is the main theme for the last session. The conference uses a unique approach of getting there through a sequence of 4 sessions that deal with the state of the economy, views and dreams of the stake holders, eco-system opportunities and credit creation.

Benefits

The regional economic summit is an opportunity for members and non-members of Gravity 2.0 to meet and network. It also gives an opportunity for individuals who are passionate about scientific regional planning and inclusive development to learn about Gravity 2.0. The conference also creates a platform for researchers to present papers about their work.

Venue Godavari @ The Gateway Hotel, Visakhapatnam
December 22nd 2012

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Program Schedule

10:30am – 11:30am

Inaugural

11:30am - 12:00pm

Economy 2012 : The Regions State of Economy

12:00pm – 12:45pm

Vision 2017: Stakeholder Views and Dreams

12:45pm - 1:45pm

Networking Lunch

1:45pm - 2:00pm

Review of Morning Session

2:00pm – 3:15pm

Spreading Prosperity: Economic Growth Dynamics and Ecosystem Opportunities

3:15pm – 3:30pm

High Tea

3:30pm – 5:00pm

Credit Creation: Future Prosperity - Financing Entrepreneurs Today

5:00pm - 5:30pm

Shared Vision: A Shared Vision for Sustainable and Inclusive Economic Development

Consistent with the philosophy of Gravity 2.0, the organizing committee will attempt to invite speakers for all sessions so that they broadly represent the goals of the 5 societies of Gravity 2.0 Viz., Economics and Planning, Science and Technology, Super Cities and Habitats, Education and Skills, Ethical Business.

After The Event

The regional economic summit 2012 will be followed up with several Gravity 2.0 Roundtable's to help identify inputs for sector specific goals and action plans, create and monitor progress metrics and help create a regional orchestration platform. G2-EPS-VB-RES-2013 and annual summits thereafter will continue to refine the vision and help orchestrate the actions across sectors.

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