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## Savjibhai Dholakia deliversthe 6th Lecture of the Dr. VG Patel Memorial Lecture Series

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- The sixth lecture in the series, was organized at the Institute on the topic **Entrepreneurs are the pillars of Nation Building**
- National Entrepreneurship Trainer/Educator/Mentor Award was also presented on the occasion.

**Ahmedabad 06 September 2024:** Noted entrepreneur, Shri Savjibhai Dholakia, Founder & Chairman Hari Krishna Exports Pvt. Ltd., delivered the Memorial Lecture that was organised by Entrepreneurship Development Institute of India (EDII), Ahmedabad. The lecture, sixth in the series, was held at EDII campus. The Topic of the Lecture was **Entrepreneurs are the pillars of Nation Building.**

EDII lost its founder **Padma Shri Dr. V.G. Patel** on April 4, 2019. To commemorate Dr. Patel's great work in the field of entrepreneurship, the Institute started an annual lecture series in 2019. Recognised by the entrepreneurship fraternity as the 'Pioneer of Entrepreneurship Movement,' Dr. V.G. Patel committed himself to propagate entrepreneurship within India and globally. Not only did he succeed in establishing the credibility of his belief across India, but also went on to establish the National Resource Institute, EDII, in 1983.

**Dr. Sunil Shukla**, Director General, EDII recalled Dr. Patel's exceptional contribution to the economic development of the nation by introducing and promoting the concept of entrepreneurship. He said, "Dr. Patel introduced the country to Entrepreneurship when people had no clue about its potential. Dr. Patel held on to the belief and persisted till he proved to the world that training and mentoring could create successful entrepreneurs, and that there was no truth in the fact that entrepreneurship was a privilege of only a few. Dr. Patel's contribution to the domain of entrepreneurship is unparalleled. He not just created a knowledge infrastructure but also raised the motivation of people and changed mindsets of people in favour of entrepreneurship."

Addressing the audience, **Shri Savjibhai Dholakia**, said, Addressing the audience, **Shri Savjibhai Dholakia**, said, "It is my honour to come and speak on this momentous occasion. Dr. Patel, a legendary figure, was a true visionary who not only introduced entrepreneurship to our nation but also instilled the values of independence & self-reliance through it. Only an accomplished entrepreneur could convince the sponsors in 1983 to set up an Entrepreneurship Institute. What a great achievement that was, and all that followed as a part of his work continued to create history. I think Dr. Patel's attitude and skills are a learning for today's entrepreneurs. He, in a way, sowed the seeds of Start Up India and Atmanirbhar Bharat that we talk about so proudly today. The youths who want to become entrepreneurs have to understand that hardwork and the strength to get up after every storm, is what makes entrepreneurs. If you are entering into the field to earn money alone, please stay away. Entrepreneurship is about resilience, strength of mind, countless hours of hard work, sleepless nights and a positive midset. Dr. V G Patel stood for all these entrepreneurial values. I am glad Dr. Shukla is carrying forward the legacy. My best wishes to EDII for all their future initiatives."

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On this occasion, the winner of the Dr. V.G. Patel National Memorial Award for Entrepreneurship Trainer/Educator/Mentor 2023 was also announced.