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ICREATE FOUNDATION STONE LAID

Modi, Murthy Preside Over Function

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Ahmedabad: The foundation stone for International Centre for Entrepreneurship and Technology (icreate), the incubation centre for entrepreneurial and technological advancement, was laid near Ahmedabad on Thursday.

The world-class incubation centre for excellence is being developed on a 35 acre campus at Kensville Golf Club on the Ahmedabad-Bavla Road. Infosys chairman-emeritus N R Narayana Murthy is the chairman of the advisory board of icreate, being developed in collaboration with the Government of Gujarat. Gujarat Mineral Development Corporation is a partner in the project.

"If at least one entrepreneur can



Chief minister Modi (R) with N R Narayana Murthy, chairman of advisory board of icreate

do something that brings pride to this state and this country, we would have delivered our promise," Murthy said while addressing a gathering at Kensville after the ceremony. "That requires us to be humble, to

stay focused and seek excellence in whatever we do." On the occasion, Gujarat chief minister Narendra Modi said that icreate was launched on September 11, 2011—the day Swami Vivekanand mesmerized Ameri-

ca in 1893 with his speech as a spiritual leader.

"icreate is a tribute to Swami Vivekananda. Had the US not forgotten the first event on September 11, the second event would not have happened," Modi said in reference to the 9/11 attacks.

Saurabh Patel, Gujarat's minister of state for energy, and M Sahu, principal industries secretary were also present on the occasion.

The advisory board of icreate led by Murthy includes people like Tulsi Tanti, chairman and managing director of Suzlon Energy; Dr Jagdish Bhagwati, professor at Columbia University; Uday Kotak, managing director of Kotak Mahindra Bank; Sudarshan Maini, founder of Maini Group; Harsh Mariwala, founder of Marico; A M Naik, chairman and managing director of Larsen & Toubro; and Dilip Shanghvi, chairman of Sun Pharmaceuticals.