UPSIDA to appoint expert planner for BIDA

In a groundbreaking move, the Uttar Pradesh State Industrial Development Authority (UPSIDA) is set to appoint an expert planner for the ambitious Bundelkhand Industrial Development Authority (BIDA) project in Jhansi.

This initiative aims to create a world-class industrial township and marks the first such endeavor in the state in nearly five decades.

"The UPSIDA management is fervently working to turn this visionary project into reality. The proposed industrial township in Bundelkhand holds the promise of rejuvenating the region's industrial landscape while generating substantial employment opportunities," a government spokesman said here on Wednesday.

He said that the recent approval of the formation of BIDA and the construction of this new industrial township by the Yogi Cabinet underscores the government's commitment to bolster industrial development in Uttar Pradesh, particularly in the Bundelkhand region,"

The UPSIDA board meeting also saw several pivotal decisions geared toward enhancing the state's industrial infrastructure. One notable decision involves the integration of UPSIDA's identified plots into the Delhi-Ghaziabad-Meerut Corridor Project, facilitating the growth of adjoining industrial zones.

Furthermore, the allocation of 1000 square metres of land to Noida Power Company Limited (NPCL) for a 33/11 KV power substation in the Surajpur Site-5 industrial area is set to ensure uninterrupted power supply, promoting ease of production for industries in the region.

Another significant aspect of UPSIDA's agenda is the implementation of the Safe Industrial Areas initiative in 155 industrial zones. This project encompasses the enhancement of critical infrastructure components such as roadways, drainage systems, culverts, street lighting, waste management (both solid and liquid), and the establishment of green spaces, all with a focus on ensuring the safety and well-being of industrial zones.

Additionally, provisions for public amenities including restrooms, dormitories, truck lay-bys, CCTV surveillance, public address systems, and childcare facilities are part of this comprehensive endeavor. Collaborations with various industrial organisations are envisaged to drive this project forward, with a Project Management Consultant (PMC) set to oversee the infrastructure upgrades in industrial areas.

The UPSIDA has also suggested operation of canteens through self-help groups in all industrial areas to provide clean and nutritious food to workers and entrepreneurs. "Amendments to the sub-division policy has been proposed to increase the land bank and rejuvenate sick units purchased through auctions, facilitating the revival of unusable land for industrial purposes," the official said.

He said implementation of these measures signifies Uttar Pradesh's unwavering commitment to fostering industrial growth, job creation, and infrastructural development, positioning the state as a key player on India's industrial landscape.