

## **New IT Park to be set up in Pilkhani industrial area of Saharanpur Gorakhpur & Varanasi IT Parks to be completed by September this year**

- *U.P. Govt aims to establish IT parks in all divisions in collaboration with Software Technology Parks of India (STPI)*
- *The work of setting up IT parks in Meerut and Agra is almost complete*
- *Development of IT parks will start soon in Kanpur and Bareilly*
- *Survey for government space for Aligarh, Azamgarh & Jhansi IT parks is underway*
- *An investment of about Rs 200 crores and 15,000 employment opportunities expected in IT parks under construction at present*
- *STPI centres with plug-and-play facilities already functional in Prayagraj and Lucknow; Export of Rs 230 crores recorded from Lucknow centre in the year 2019-20*
- *The process of selecting local IT and startup companies for IT parks is being done simultaneously*

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In the current era of information and communication technology (ICT) gaining immense importance in all walks of life including industries and business, Uttar Pradesh government is establishing IT and software technology parks across the state in collaboration with Software Technology Parks of India (STPI) to achieve the **objective of setting up IT parks in all divisions under State's IT & Startup policy of 2017.**

IT Park	Expected jobs in 5 years	Estimated Exports/Year
Meerut	5,000	Rs 6 – 10 Cr
Agra	5,000	Rs 6 – 10 Cr
Gorakhpur	4,000	Rs 5 – 10 Cr

**Additional Chief Secretary, IT and Electronics, Shri Alok Kumar informed** that under the scheme to set up IT parks in all divisions of the state in collaboration with Software Technology Parks of India (STPI), a Government of India entity, it is proposed to set up an IT park on 03 acres of land in the Pilkhani Industrial Area, being developed on 200 acres in Saharanpur, with Plug-and-play and other facilities as per the parameters of STPI.

**Additional Chief Secretary informed** that the work of setting up IT parks in **Meerut** and **Agra** was almost complete and **Gorakhpur** and **Varanasi** IT Parks were expected to be established by September in the current year. The state government has provided land free of cost for all the above mentioned IT parks and the process of selecting local information technology and startup companies for these IT parks is also being done simultaneously. **He said** that the transfer deed of Jawaharlal Nehru Commercial Complex of Varanasi Development Authority in favor of IT and Electronics Department is under process for the establishment of IT Park in **Varanasi**, while STPI would soon commence construction on available land in **Kanpur** (Panki) and process was on for obtaining land of Indian Turpentine and Rosin Co. for the IT park project in **Bareilly**.

It is estimated that **IT parks under construction at present would attract an investment of about Rs 200 crores and create 15,000 employment opportunities.**

**Shri Alok Kumar said** that STPI centres with plug and play facility in **Lucknow** and **Prayagraj** were already functional and **STPI centre of Lucknow had recorded exports of Rs 230 crores in the year 2019-20** as a result of the state government's investment friendly policies and improvement in Ease of Doing Business.

It may be noted that 20 IT/Startup companies are operating from **Lucknow STPI centre**, which has 50 plug-and-play seats with raw furnished work space in about 2000 sq. ft, whereas, 10 IT or ITeS (information technology enabled services) companies are functional in **Prayagraj STPI centre** with 50 plug-and-play seats and 5000 sq. ft. of raw furnished work space.

The IT Park in **Gorakhpur** has been developed on 3.58 acres of Gorakhpur Industrial Development Authority (GIDA) land, out of which 3,432 sq.ft. has been earmarked for plug-and-play facility and 5,568 sq.ft. is raw furnished work space. It is expected to provide employment to 4,000 people over a period of five years and export revenue is estimated at Rs 5-10 crore per year.

Almost complete IT park in **Meerut** has been set up in an area of 2.5 acres with 25,074 sq.ft. built-up area and 131 plug-and-play seats along with raw furnished work space in 3,640 sq.ft. An estimated annual export of Rs 6 – 10 crores and creation of 5,000 employment opportunities is expected in this IT park.

Similarly, IT park in **Agra** is being set up in an area of 2 acres, in which built-up area is 23,000 sq.ft. with 122 plug-and-play seats and 2,330 sq.ft. of raw furnished work space.

It is expected to generate 5,000 job opportunities during the five years and Rs 6-10 crores worth of exports annually.

Moreover, efforts are being made to arrange sites in government buildings, in vacant buildings of engineering or polytechnic institutions, etc., as well as the land of the irrigation department to set up IT parks in the **Aligarh, Azamgarh** and **Jhansi** divisions.

It is pertinent here to mention that **Software Technology Parks of India** is an autonomous organization established by the Ministry of Electronics and Information Technology, Government of India Autonomous Society set up by the Ministry of Electronics and Information Technology (MeitY), Government of India with a mandate to promote software and electronic hardware exports from the country by implementing Software Technology Park (STP) & Electronic Hardware Technology Park (EHTP) Schemes.



**Meerut IT Park**

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