

UP GIS-23: Discussion on positive initiatives and policy for inclusive development

Industry groups should consider social concerns along with investment: Dr. Virendra Kumar

Lucknow, February 11, 2023: Uttar Pradesh has emerged as a preferred destination for investors at the Global Investors Summit-2023.

On the second day of the Uttar Pradesh Global Investors Summit, a session on 'Affirmative Action for Inclusive Growth' was organized by the Social Welfare Department, Government of Uttar Pradesh, during the sectoral sessions.

In the session, Dr. Virendra Kumar, Minister of Social Justice and Empowerment, Government of India, was the chief guest, joined by Ministers of Social Welfare, Scheduled Castes and Tribes Welfare (Independent Charge) in Uttar Pradesh Government, Aseem Arun and Sanjeev Gond, Minister of State for Social Welfare Department, Minister of State for Backward Classes Welfare Narendra Kashyap.

Akash Goenka, Vice President, CII, Uttar Pradesh, said that "the work being done by the Uttar Pradesh government and the Social Welfare Department for the development of the deprived community is inspirational and motivational." CII is committed to working in this direction. CII began working with Tata Sons, which is currently led by the late Dr. JJ Irani, Director, for which we formed a task force that is still operational today. We are running a scholarship program for SC and ST students.

Dr. Hariom, Principal Secretary for Social Welfare, expressed his views and said that "the direct meaning of affirmative action is to empower the people deprived of development by connecting them with the mainstream of development. This affirmative action is also described in our constitution, which has analyzed the people deprived of development through the right to equality."

The special guest in this session, Dharampal Singh, Cabinet Minister for Minority Welfare and Waqf Department, Uttar Pradesh Government, keeping his views, said that, "There are 3 levels of people sitting here: aristocrats, bureaucrats, and technocrats. All three together should invest capital in Uttar Pradesh through startups."

He further said that, "If we talk about the greatest economist in the world, then I will take the name of Pandit Deendayal Upadhyaya." The UP government has given you an opportunity to invest in the state because of three things that are important in investment:

security of business, strict law, and order in UP. Due to this, your business will be protected. Another important factor is connectivity; the state has a better network of airways, highways, and railways. "The third major need is electricity, which is available in Uttar Pradesh. Your investment will prove worthwhile in Uttar Pradesh."

Union Minister Dr. Virendra Kumar, the program's chief guest, stated that, "the Global Investor Summit should not only take place in the field of enterprise but that positive action should be taken by connecting the enterprise with our social system. Our entrepreneurs have a significant role to play in this regard. We will have to consider how our industry groups can work together to support the Prime Minister's mantra of "Sabka Sath, Sabka Vikas."

The minister cited an example of Symbiosis University in Pune, Maharashtra, saying that "Symbiosis is working to provide technical training to the daughters of the lower strata of society by teaching them about electric vehicles and giving them a good identity in society. Today, the Yogi government has given confidence to entrepreneurs by providing a good investment environment; now is the time for you entrepreneurs to make a social contribution."

At the end of the program, Aseem Arun, Minister of Social Welfare Department, thanked everyone and said that, "In the Investors Summit, we believe that 'Sabka Saath, Sabka Vikas' can be completed only when the entrepreneurs get support in this social concern. The Social Welfare Department and the Government are always there for you."

The session was attended by Shreyas Desai, General Manager, Tata Business Excellence; Dr. Nidhi Pundir, Vice President, Global CSR-HCL Tech; Neeraj Singh, Next Generation Leader and Development Practitioner; and Dr. Vivek Dalela, Associate Professor, Grand Valley State University, USA.