

# Govt holds meet with 18 cos for SCR

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**Lucknow:** The UP government on Monday held meetings with the consultants interested in drawing the plan for the state capital region (SCR). A total of 18 participants were present for the meeting in Gomtinagar. Companies from various

parts of the country along with those headquartered in Belgium, Singapore, Netherlands, UK, US have shown interest in preparing the zonal plan.

The companies sought details about the vision of the UP government, timeline required to prepare the regional and zonal plan and

discussed the hurdles that have to be cleared before taking up the project.

"The private executives who attended the pre-bid meeting said that Lucknow and Hardoi, Sitapur, Barabanki, Raebareli and Unnao are next to each other and could be integrated in a homogeneous manner. As Kanpur has

already been an economic magnet for the state, more work and spending will be required to integrate it," said a senior officer.

"To make SCR successful, a mass transit system to link Kanpur with Lucknow by Metro rail shall be the first step for the government," suggested one consultant.