

U.P.'s crucial role in future of India's industrial sector discussed

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LUCKNOW : The Uttar Pradesh government in collaboration with the World Economic Forum (WEF) hosted "Public-Private Workshop on the India Centre for Advanced Manufacturing" at PICUP Bhawan here on Saturday.

According to a press release, the workshop brought together key stakeholders from various sectors to lay the foundation for establishing India's first Centre for Advanced Manufacturing in Uttar Pradesh.

"The centre, envisioned as a hub for cutting-edge technologies, digitisation and innovation, aims to position India at the



The public-private workshop on the "India Centre for Advanced Manufacturing" at PICUP Bhawan in Lucknow. SOURCED

forefront of global advanced manufacturing," it said.

The initiative is set to join the World Economic Forum's global network of independent national and thematic centres, including the Centre for the Fourth Industrial Revolution (C4IR).

These centres are dedicated to fostering inclusive technology governance and driving responsible digital transformation through multi-stakeholder dialogue and cooperation.

Chief secretary and infrastructure and industrial development commissioner Manoj Kumar Singh in his address highlighted Uttar Pradesh's crucial role in the future of India's industrial sector, emphasising the state's robust industrial ecosystem, supportive policy environment and dynamic entrepreneurial spirit.

Singh provided a detailed overview of Uttar Pradesh as a pivotal hub for advanced manufacturing and a centre for global economic activities. He underscored how this initiative aligns with chief minister Yogi Adityanath's vision of transforming Uttar Pradesh into a

trillion-dollar economy.

Singh noted the goal of boosting the manufacturing sector's contribution to the state's GDP from 25% to 45%, positioning Uttar Pradesh as a leader in the nation's advanced manufacturing landscape. Vandana Mehta, Engagement Lead for Asia at the Centre for the Fourth Industrial Revolution (C4IR) Network and Partner Engagement at the World Economic Forum, made a presentation there.

Menon offered an overview of the Global Centre for Advanced Manufacturing and Supply Chains. Following this, Kyriakos Triantafyllidis presented the concept of the India Centre for Advanced Manufacturing, including key focus areas and the four main priorities of the Centre: resilient value chains, technology and innovation, people-centric transformation, and sustainable systems.

The workshop saw participation from stakeholders representing over 40 companies. The participants engaged in a collaborative dialogue, sharing insights and suggestions on how to improve investment.