

# Uttar Pradesh turns into dream destination for CSR activities too

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**LUCKNOW:** Uttar Pradesh is turning out to be a dream destination not only for investment but also for corporate social responsibility (CSR) activities as well. Major industrial houses are spending crores on welfare of the people in the state thanks to the industry-friendly atmosphere created in Uttar Pradesh, according to a press release.

Ten major industrial units that participated in the Ground-breaking Ceremony (GBC 4.0) in February indicated at the CSR conclave that they would spend over Rs 256 crore on CSR activities. The CSR fund would be spent on infrastructure development projects, smart classes, nutrition, old age homes, renewable energy and the sports sector. The CSR funds would also be spent on education, health and other fields.

The Vedanta group has committed itself to spending Rs 85.45 crore on infrastructure projects like Nand Ghar, pre-school kits and nutrition. HCL has committed itself to spending Rs 71.09 crore towards the

### CORPORATE SECTOR'S WELFARE PUSH IN U.P.

● Vedanta group:	Rs 85.45 crore
● HCL:	Rs 71.09 crore
● ITC:	Rs 10 crore
● Reliance Ind:	Rs 24.65 crore
● SMC Corporation India Pvt. Ltd:	Rs 11 crore
● Northern Coalfields Ltd :	Rs 29.13 crore
● Shiv Nadar Foundation:	Rs 13.53 crore
● NTPC:	Rs 10.43 crore
● Kapri Global Sports:	Rs 83.62 lakh

development of smart classrooms, infrastructure, nutrition, and pre-school kits in the state. ITC Ltd agreed to allocate Rs 10 crore for human resources, smart classrooms, and the establishment of computer and science labs.

Reliance Industries expressed its intent to invest Rs 24.65 crore in enhancing the state's infrastructure. Similarly, SMC Corporation India Pvt. Ltd. has agreed to spend Rs 11 crore on educational infrastructure. Northern Coalfields Ltd (NCL) also plans to make a significant impact by investing Rs 29.13 crore in establishing old age homes in Uttar Pradesh.

The Shiv Nadar Foundation has pledged Rs 13.53 crore to provide essential furniture and

other educational resources in the state.

Additionally, NTPC has committed to a two-part contribution, with Rs 8.78 crore dedicated to renewable energy and school furniture, and another Rs 1.65 crore solely focused on renewable energy initiatives. Kapri Global Sports has also joined the effort, pledging Rs 83.62 lakh to support education and sports development.

Uttar Pradesh is also witnessing extensive development projects funded through CSR initiatives beyond the commitments made at the CSR conclave.

A significant achievement is the establishment of nearly all the oxygen plants in the state with CSR funds.

Additionally, several sugar

mills across Uttar Pradesh are actively involved in road construction projects under CSR, further contributing to the state's infrastructure development.

Bharat Cares is utilizing CSR funds to install streetlights in sensitive villages near the tiger reserves, enhancing safety and security in these areas. The Yogi Adityanath government has also leveraged CSR funds to ensure that destitute students are enrolled in reputed schools, covering their school fees, bags, and stationery needs.

In three Sarvodaya schools located in Bulandshahr, Ghaziabad, and Meerut, smart classrooms and physics labs are being developed with Rs 71 lakh provided by the Union government's Mint. Air India's AI SATS has also played a pivotal role, investing Rs 45 lakh to transform two primary schools in Maharajganj, equipping them with world-class facilities, including upgraded kitchens, classrooms, smart classes, and science labs. Plans are also afoot to utilize CSR funds to ensure the grandeur of Maha Kumbh 2025, said the press release.