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U.P. aims to be 'super hub' of Global Capability Centres

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LUCKNOW: Aiming at positioning the state as a "super hub" for Global Capability Centres (GCC), the Yogi Adityanath government is preparing to launch the Uttar Pradesh Global Capability Centres-2024 Policy.

Global Capability Centres are offshore units of multinational corporations that operate across the globe. They are responsible for providing various support services, such as IT, finance, human resources, and analytics, to their parent organisations.

An official spokesman said the policy will create pathways for offering various benefits, including subsidies, to those investing in and establishing enterprises within the GCC sector. It proposes provisions for up to 100 per cent exemption on stamp duty, along with land subsidies at various rates.

The companies that invest and establish enterprises in the state under this project will also be eligible for subsidies related

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to various operations. This includes employee payroll subsidies, refunds on EPAP, assistance for internships, skill development subsidies, and grants for establishing Centres of Excellence.

With a robust presence in the electronics system design and manufacturing (ESDM) and IT/ITES sectors, Uttar Pradesh is strategically positioned to attract related downstream Global Capability Centres).

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nology, banking, financial services, and insurance (BFSI), semiconductors, as well as healthcare and medical devices.

There are over 200 ESDM and IT companies in the state as part of the GCC initiative. This includes major global brands like Samsung, Oppo, Haier, NTT, STT Global, WebWorks, HCL Technologies, TCS, Infosys, Wipro, Adobe, and Microsoft.

Invest UP has prepared the draft for the UP GCC Policy 2024 for five years. The policy will be implemented through the establishment of a Policy Implementation Unit (PIU) by Invest UP. An Evaluation and Empowered Committee will oversee implementation and conduct regular monitoring to ensure its effectiveness.

Under the GCC Policy 2024, eligible units in Gautam Buddha Nagar and Ghaziabad districts will receive a 30% front-end land subsidy. In the Paschimanchal region (excluding Gautam Buddha Nagar and

Ghaziabad) and the Madhyanchal region, the subsidy will be 40%, while units in the Purvanchal and Bundelkhand regions will benefit from a 50% subsidy provided land allotment is made by the State Industrial Development Authority, development authority, urban local body, or any other government agency.

Under the policy, 100% exemption/reimbursement will be provided on stamp duty on purchase/lease of land/office space/building for the proposed project. The exemption will be provided on submission of bank guarantee of the equivalent amount of the exemption availed, which will be refunded to the unit on commencement of commercial operation within the eligible investment period. The capital subsidy will be given to Level 1 GCC unit at the rate of 25% of ECI up to a maximum of Rs 10 crore and to Advanced GCC unit up to Rs 25 crore in seven equal annual instalments after commencement of commercial operation within the eligible investment period.