

# A catalyst for eco growth: Industries

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**Lucknow:** Terming the Union Budget a “catalyst for growth”, the CII said the Budget presented a forward-looking roadmap for India’s economic transformation, with a strong push for innovation, entrepreneurship, and infrastructure development.

“The enhanced support for MSMEs, focus on skill development, and urban transformation initiatives will be instrumental in driving industrial growth and job creation, particularly in the northern region,” chairperson of CII-UP Smita Agarwal said.

Vice-chairperson Dr Upasana Arora said expansion of IITs, addition of 10,000 medical seats, and establishment of AI Centres of Excellence would ensure a highly skilled workforce for economy. Chairman, CII-Northern Region, Madhav Singhania said, “Budget reflects a pragmatic and forward-looking vision foste-

ring a resilient and globally competitive economy. A comprehensive programme for vegetables, fruits, and Shri Anna (millets) will go a long way in ensuring the much-needed agriculture diversification to high-value crops while meeting the need for nutritional security and improved income opportunities for farmers.”

He added that by prioritising private sector investment and strengthening MSME ecosystem, the Budget paved the way for sustained industrial growth and job creation. CII-Northern Region, Sunjay Kapur said the Budget will create a robust framework for industries across solar PV, electrolyzers, and grid-scale batteries.” Chairman of UP State Council Manoj Gupta said, “Govt has made a strong effort to address immediate challenges being faced by the economy, particularly on the consumption front, while keeping an eye on long-term target of pursuing the vision of ‘Viksit Bharat’.