

# Govt-industry meet highlights UP's defence & industrial growth

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**LUCKNOW:** A government-industry interactive session was organised by Invest UP, in collaboration with the Indo-American Chamber of Commerce (IACC) on Monday. The session was part of the Uttar Pradesh visit of Officers of National Security and Strategic Course from the National Defence College, New Delhi, for Understanding India Study Tour from a socio-political-economic perspective.

The session was chaired by Awanish Awasthi, retd IAS, advisor to chief minister. Abhishek Prakash, CEO of Invest UP and Aparna Yadav, vice-chairperson, State Women's Council were present. Mukesh Singh, Chairman, IACC-UP State Coordination



**Advisor to chief minister Awanish Awasthi chaired the government-industry interactive session on Monday.** SOURCED

Committee moderated the event.

Awasthi spoke about the rapid development of the six nodes in UP as part of the establishment of the defence corridor in UP. The Lucknow Node is in the process of setting up the Brahmos missile unit while Kanpur, Jhansi and Aligarh are in advanced stages of develop-

ment. Industrial belts are being developed along the expressways in the state.

Abhishek Prakash highlighted the journey of UP from the first Global Investor Summit-2018 to the second Global Investor Summit-2022 and the progress the state has made to bring on ground nearly 4-5 lakh crores of investment. UP has the

largest MSME sector in the State. Nivesh Mitra is the largest portal developed by the state in which 41 departments are integrated.

Aparna Yadav talked about the steps being taken to empower women and ensure their security with Helpline, One Stop Centre, Kanya Suman-gla Yojana and Mission Shakti.

The officers included Vijay Nehra, IAS (SDS,CS), Brig Jaid-eep Chanda, Brig Avinash Nathan, Brig Eshan Dalal SM, Brig Sandeep Kumar Rakesh, Brig Sandeep Kapoor, Cmde Ramana Nadella, Air Cmde Pankaj Mit-tal, VM, VSM, Dr Shalini Verma IRS, DIG Girish Datt Raturi ICG.

The delegation had 10 officers from military, civil services from India and six military officers from friendly foreign countries like Japan, Nepal, Sri Lanka, Myanmar and Zambia.