

Invest UP and Indian Railways Ink MoU to Boost Logistics and Industrial Infrastructure in Uttar Pradesh

Lucknow, May 14, 2025: In a major step toward strengthening Uttar Pradesh's industrial and logistics ecosystem, Invest UP and the Northern Railway, Lucknow Division of Indian Railways signed a Memorandum of Understanding (MoU) at Lok Bhawan today. The MoU was inked in the presence of **Chief Secretary, Shri Manoj Kumar Singh**.

The agreement, signed by **Shri Vijay Kiran Anand, CEO, Invest UP**, and **Shri Rajneesh Kumar Srivastava, Senior Divisional Operations Manager**, aims to offer railway land to investors at a concessional lease rate of 1.5% of the prevailing industrial or circle rate for 35 years. This initiative will help investors develop warehousing and logistics infrastructure, strengthening multimodal connectivity across the state.

The Chief Secretary emphasized coordinated efforts between government and railways to position Uttar Pradesh as India's leading industrial state through logistics hubs, dry ports, and multimodal parks. "UP already has 7 expressways, with more in the pipeline. Better logistics will accelerate industrial growth," he said.

Post-signing, officials discussed implementation strategies, including public-private partnerships and integrating land data into the PM Gati Shakti portal to attract investors. A key provision of the MoU mandates that at least one leg of transportation—raw material or finished goods—must use railways, promoting cost-effective and sustainable logistics.

This collaboration supports the UP Warehousing & Logistics Policy 2022, which offers incentives such as stamp duty exemptions, land-use conversion benefits, capital subsidies, and electricity duty waivers for eligible projects with a minimum investment of ₹20 crore.

With a 16,000+ km rail network, Uttar Pradesh is developing logistics hubs, dry ports, and industrial parks. Notable ongoing projects include the Multi-Modal Logistics Hub in Dadri and the country's first Freight Village in Varanasi. The state also leads in cold storage capacity, holding nearly 40% of India's total.

Future logistics infrastructure includes hubs along the YEIDA region, cargo complexes near Jewar Airport, and clusters like Film City, Toy Park, Apparel Park, and the Medical Device Park. The Defence Industrial Corridor, with six nodes, and NIMZs in Jhansi and Auraiya, are also underway.

Key participants included officials from Invest UP, such as Himanshu Bhatia and Ritesh Saxena, and from Indian Railways, including Shri Ashok Kumar Verma, General Manager, Northern Railway; Shri Sachinder Mohan Sharma, Divisional Railway Manager, Lucknow Division; among others.

This MoU is a strategic step toward transforming Uttar Pradesh into a national hub for industry and logistics, with a focus on investor-friendly infrastructure and seamless connectivity.
