

Invest UP Hosts Roundtable on Sustainable Aviation Fuel, Unveils Vision for India's First SAF Promotion Policy

- ***Chief Secretary Manoj Kumar Singh Highlights UP's Strategic Edge in SAF production at Investor Roundtable***
- ***Over ₹3,000 crore investment intent expressed as UP prepares to launch India's first SAF Promotion Policy***

Lucknow, June 01, 2025: Invest UP convened a high-level roundtable on Sustainable Aviation Fuel (SAF) manufacturing at the Taj Hotel in Lucknow, bringing together key investors, industry leaders, and policy experts to explore opportunities in this emerging green energy sector. The session was chaired by **Chief Secretary, Shri Manoj Kumar Singh** and attended by senior government officials, stakeholders, and potential investors.

The roundtable served as a crucial platform to present and deliberate on the upcoming *Uttar Pradesh Sustainable Aviation Fuel Manufacturing Promotion Policy 2025*—set to be the first of its kind in India. Chief Secretary Shri Singh outlined the proposed incentives, facilitation mechanisms, and Uttar Pradesh's unique advantages as a production hub, thanks to its rich agricultural base, robust infrastructure, and proactive industrial policies.

A key highlight of the session was the policy's potential to benefit the state's farming community. The SAF industry's demand for biomass and grain-based feedstock—such as sugarcane bagasse, rice husk, wheat straw, and surplus grains—will create new market opportunities for farmers. By sourcing raw materials directly from local agricultural regions, the sector is poised to enhance rural incomes and offer better price realization. "This policy not only accelerates our green energy transition but also ensures our farmers directly gain from it—putting more money into their hands while building a greener future," said Shri Manoj Kumar Singh.

A detailed presentation by Invest UP showcased the vision for SAF in Uttar Pradesh, followed by an interactive dialogue with industry leaders. Key topics such as land availability, policy design, and ease of doing business were addressed, with participants offering critical inputs to refine the framework.

More than 18 companies—including Greenko, AM Greens, Balrampur Chini Mills, E2O Greenfuels, New Era Clean Tech, and the Malbros Group—expressed strong interest in establishing SAF units in the state. Collectively, these firms proposed investment intentions exceeding ₹3,000 crore, underlining Uttar Pradesh's potential as a key player in sustainable aviation.

With India's largest network of air, rail, and road infrastructure—including five international airports—Uttar Pradesh offers seamless logistics and market connectivity. These advantages, coupled with progressive policies, position the state as a natural choice for SAF manufacturing.

Earlier, Invest UP had floated an Expression of Interest (EOI) inviting global SAF technology providers and clean energy innovators to join the ecosystem. This initiative aligns with the state's vision of becoming a \$1 trillion economy and a leader in sustainable industrial growth.

Also present at the session were Shri Vijay Kiran Anand, CEO, Invest UP, along with senior officials from relevant departments, reaffirming the state government's commitment to fostering green innovation, investment, and inclusive growth.
