## Chief secy: UP emerging as hub for commercial offices & industrial units

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UTTAR PRADESH has become one of the most preferred destinations for setting up commercial offices and industrial units, thanks to its competitive incentives and a supportive business environment, Chief Secretary Manoj Kumar Singh said on Tuesday.

Speaking at a seminar organised by InvestUP, the state's investment promotion agency, Singh said, "Uttar Pradesh has emerged as a top choice for businesses due to its collaborative ecosystem and attractive incentives."

The seminar was held to promote the Global Capability Centre (GCC) Policy 2024 and draw investments into the state. The event saw participation from top tech leaders, global investors, policymakers, and multinational corporations.

Singh also revealed plans to develop a new city in the Bundelkhand region, on the lines of Noida, to promote decentralised growth and regional development.

In his inaugural address, he highlighted UP's rapid economic transformation, crediting investor-friendly policies, robust infrastructure, and efficient implementation for building a thriving industrial ecosystem.

The conference focused on



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four key areas: real estate and commercial space including real estate body CREDAI and upcoming building by-laws; availability of skilled and talented workforce backed by quality colleges and technical institutions; the overall business ecosystem; and improvements in infrastructure.

While Noida and Greater Noida are emerging as major GCChubs, Tier-2 and Tier-3 cities across the state are also seeing rapid development. A large land bank is being created to transform Jhansi in Bundelkhand into a future industrial centre.

A roadmap for future GCC summits was shared, with similar events planned in Bengaluru, Chennai, and Hyderabad. The state also plans to tap into international investment opportunities through roadshows in the US and Europe.

Alok Kumar, Principal Secretary (Infrastructure and Industrial Development), said, "A developed India cannot exist without developed states." He highlighted UP's strong infrastructure, ease of doing business, and skilled talent pool, assuring full government support for GCC investments.

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