

State govt sets ball rolling for 'Viksit Uttar Pradesh' by 2047

CS Discusses Roadmap In First Meeting

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Chief Secretary Manoj Kr Singh

Lucknow: To chart a roadmap for developing a 'Viksit Uttar Pradesh' by 2047, in alignment with the vision of 'Viksit Bharat', a preliminary meeting was held in the state capital on Wednesday under the chairmanship of Chief Secretary Manoj Kumar Singh. The meeting included senior officials from the planning department, the NITI Aayog, and domain experts to outline a long-term strategy to achieve this goal.

Highlighting Uttar Pradesh's role in contributing to India's growth and in achieving the national target of becoming a USD 5 trillion economy and a developed na-

tion by 2047, the chief secretary said that UP accounts for 10% of India's land area and contributes 20% of the nation's foodgrain production. He added that a 50-hectare agri-export facility, equipped with testing, treatment, and packaging infrastructure, is being set up near Jewar Airport to support cargo-based exports of horticultural produce.

"UP currently accounts for 42% of India's expressway network, which is expected to rise to 52% upon completion of the Ganga Expressway. The state also boasts a dense railway network and the upcoming Multi-Modal Logistics Park in Greater No-

ida, aligned with the Eastern and Western Freight Corridors. UP's demographic advantage is being leveraged through data-driven initiatives like UPDASP, which covers 2.63 crore farmers and 8 crore land parcels," he said.

"Initiatives such as 'One District, One Product', 'One District, One Medical College', and the 'Zero Poverty Scheme' will ensure inclusive growth across the state," the chief secretary added.

During the meeting, NITI Aayog CEO BVR Subrahmanyam said that UP, as the fifth most populous region globally, must adopt a mission-mode approach to implement its development plan. He emphasised the need for a bottom-up strategy driven by public participation, supported by sector-specific missions, flagship programmes, 'Information, Education, Communication' (IEC) campaigns, and strong local involvement.

Meanwhile, NITI Aayog

member Rajiv Gauba outlined key steps the states should take toward this goal, including governance reforms, improving the ease of doing business, and asset monetisation. He stressed the importance of identifying industrial parks and cities, reducing compliance burdens, and leveraging public-private partnership (PPP) models.

Principal secretary (planning), Alok Kumar, informed the meeting that UP's Gross State Domestic Product (GSDP) grew at a compound annual growth rate (CAGR) of 15.2% between FY 2021 and FY 2025, surpassing India's national CAGR of 13.6%. The Female Labour Force Participation Rate increased from 14.2% in 2017-18 to 35.8% in 2023-24. According to the Sustainable Development Goals (SDG) India Index 2023-24, UP moved from the 'Performer' to the 'Frontrunner' category, registering the highest national increase in index points since 2018.