

NCBC Secretary Engages Stakeholders to Strengthen Aligarh's Industrial Ecosystem

Aligarh/Lucknow, 22 August, 2025: — In a significant push to accelerate Uttar Pradesh's industrial transformation, a session was held featuring the Task Force constituted by the Cabinet Secretariat, Government of India. Led by **Smt. Meeta Rajivlochan, Secretary of the National Commission for Backward Classes (NCBC)** under the Ministry of Social Justice and Empowerment. She undertook a field visit to Aligarh, engaging directly with industry stakeholders, Invest UP officials, MSMEs, exporters, and representatives from the renowned lock and precision industries.

The high-level interaction, hosted at Aligarh Muslim University, focused on charting a roadmap to strengthen the region's industrial ecosystem, enhance ease of doing business, and unlock Aligarh's potential as a national hub for precision manufacturing and defence production.

Key discussions emphasized the urgent need to:

- Establish a modern **toolroom and training centre** to boost youth employability, particularly in the Lock and Precision sectors.
- Set up a **BIS-certified testing laboratory** in Aligarh to eliminate the need for costly and time-consuming testing in Chandigarh or Faridabad.
- Streamline **CLU approvals** through transparent, time-bound online systems.
- Develop **R&D centres** to foster innovation and support industrial growth.

As part of the visit, Smt. Rajivlochan also toured **Wonder Cement, Aligarh**, gaining firsthand insights into the operations of the cement sector and the challenges faced by local industries. The open dialogue provided a valuable platform for stakeholders to voice concerns and offer suggestions, reinforcing the importance of policy responsiveness and industry-government collaboration.

Further, the Secretary visited the **Aligarh node of the Uttar Pradesh Defence Industrial Corridor**, a rapidly growing base that showcases the state's emergence as a destination for investment, innovation, and sustainable industrial development. During her interaction with defence sector companies, she invited inputs on enhancing ease of doing business, strengthening ancillary support systems, and accelerating the growth of a world-class defence manufacturing ecosystem.
