

‘UP poised to become India’s hub of green aviation fuel’

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Lucknow: Uttar Pradesh is poised to become India’s emerging hub of green aviation fuel, said additional CEO, Invest UP, Shashank Chaudhary.

Speaking at the Indian Sustainable Aviation Fuel (SAF) Conclave and Awards 2025 in Delhi, Chaudhary said, “UP is poised to launch India’s first Sustainable Aviation Fuel Manufacturing Promotion Policy 2025. The policy draft was recently presented before the investors and entrepreneurs for extensive consultation and feedback.”

The policy focuses on converting agricultural residues such as sugarcane bagasse and rice husk into bio-jet fuel, he said, adding that the initiative is expected to promote clean energy while enhancing farmers’ incomes by creating new markets for crop residues.

“UP offers exceptional connectivity to industries through five international airports (including the upcoming Noida International Airport), world-class expressways, and integrated logistics hubs. Additionally, with 56% of its population in the working-age group, the state enjoys a strong demographic advantage, making it a compelling destination for global investors,” he said.

Civil aviation minister Kinjarapu Rammohan Naidu and petroleum &

Invest UP brainstorms on data-driven governance

Lucknow: A two-day strategic session between Invest UP and EkStep-Data Unlock Project team began in Lucknow on Monday. The deliberations focused on advancing data-driven governance, reviewing outcomes from earlier meetings, assessing the current status of Nivesh Mitra 3.0, and setting clear pilot objectives, said a govt spokesman.

A central point of discussion was the AI-driven internal tool ‘Thurro’. “Discussion centred on its potential use cases, defining scope, and identifying priority applications across the Investment Promotion team, policy team, Udyami Mitra and other critical areas. The tool is envisioned to enhance efficiency in service delivery and decision-making through intelligent data utilisation.” TNN

natural gas minister Hardeep Singh Puri, who attended the event, reaffirmed central govt’s commitment to clean energy and international collaboration.

Chaudhary also held talks with Benedikt Hoskuldsson, Iceland envoy to India, to leverage Uttar Pradesh’s strong agricultural base to build a green aviation ecosystem.