

Mauritius Could Become Gateway for Indian Businesses Expanding into Africa

Mauritius Business Delegation Explores Trade and Investment Opportunities in Uttar Pradesh

Varanasi/Lucknow, 11 Sep, 2025: A high-level business delegation from **Mauritius** convened today in Varanasi for a significant trade and investment meeting organized by **Invest UP**. The event brought together leading Indian business associations to explore collaborations in key sectors like Renewables, Infrastructure, Ports, Roads, Healthcare, Pharma, Financial Services, infrastructure, tourism and AI.

The meeting aimed to deepen economic ties and foster long-term investment partnerships between Uttar Pradesh and Mauritius. Senior officials and representatives from industry bodies such as IIA, CII, PHDCCI, Indo American Chamber of Commerce, Assocham, and Laghu Udyog Bharti actively participated in the discussions.

Welcoming the 28-member delegation, **Invest UP ACEO, Shri Shashank Chaudhary** delivered the keynote address and a presentation on Investment Opportunities in Uttar Pradesh. He highlighted the state's strong fundamentals, noting that over 56% of UP's population falls within the working-age group, providing a substantial demographic dividend.

He emphasized Uttar Pradesh's unmatched connectivity, supported by a robust network of expressways, five international airports (including the upcoming Noida International Airport, one of Asia's largest), and 16 domestic airports. He further underlined that the state offers 34+ sectoral policies with some of the most attractive incentives in India. Calling upon the Mauritian delegation to leverage these advantages, he invited them to explore Uttar Pradesh's Fortune Global & India-500 Investment Promotion Policy 2023 and the UP Industrial Investment & Employment Promotion Policy 2022, both designed to attract global investors. He also highlighted investor facilitation and EoDB through India's largest single-window platform, Nivesh Mitra.

The Mauritian delegation was led by **Mr. Sanjay Bhunjun**, who underscored the historic and cultural bonds between India and Mauritius. He described Mauritius as "Chhota Bharat" (Little India), highlighting the shared values and emotional ties with Uttar Pradesh. Mr. Bhunjun also stressed that Mauritius could serve as a gateway and base for Indian businesses expanding into Africa.

Industry associations, including IIA, IACC, and Laghu Udyog Bharti, also shared insights, underlining the potential for collaboration and new opportunities between India and Mauritius.

P.S. Gangadhar, Joint Secretary, Government of India, emphasized that Uttar Pradesh has huge potential and noted that both UP and Mauritius can help each other forge stronger alliances. He further highlighted that Mauritius is one of the largest sources of trade and FDI for India.

The Under Secretary, Government of India, Ashma Garg, presented the vote of thanks, expressing confidence that both Uttar Pradesh and Mauritius will mutually benefit from this meeting.”

The meeting concluded with a strong commitment from both sides to build on these synergies and unlock new avenues of trade, investment, and cultural exchange. Industry associations from Uttar Pradesh expressed keen interest and invited Mauritian businesses to invest in the state.
