

Viksit UP-2047 plan: Experts push for green devt in state

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Lucknow: Officials from key UP departments held a brainstorming session on Monday to give impetus to Viksit UP-2047 plan.

The deliberations were a part of a workshop held in Lucknow to discuss balanced and sustainable development for UP. The event was part of a series of stakeholder meetings for the formulation of the 'Viksit UP-2047 Action Plan'.

Officials from the department of environment, forest and climate change, UP new and renewable energy development agency, senior govt officials, technical experts, academic institutions, and key stakeholders discussed the need for balanced and comprehensive development in the state by combining development and environmental protection.

They emphasised the need to give adequate importance to green development at every level of policy-making and implementation.

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Forest Minister of State (Independent Charge) Arun Kumar Saxena during the workshop

holders discussed long-term strategies for sustainable and climate-inclusive development and presented suggestions regarding the roadmap. Principal secretary, environment, forest and climate change, Anil Kumar called for policy reforms and the development of a strong institutional framework so that UP can emerge as a leading climate-inclusive state.

Principal secretary, planning, Alok Kumar said that climate-related considerations should be a part of long-term development planning to ensure development. PCCF (monitoring), B Prabhakar outlined the importance of forest conservation, ecosystem restoration

and district-level climate adaptation measures, while UPNEDA director, Inderjit Singh highlighted the potential for the expansion of renewable energy in the state.

Secretary, environment, forest and climate change, B Chandrakala spoke about the need to adopt renewable energy and reduce carbon emissions, promote a circular economy and resource efficiency, and strengthen ecosystem restoration and biodiversity conservation. She added that infrastructure needs to be made climate-inclusive while climate finance needs to be mobilised through green bonds, blended finance and international climate funds.