UP ropes in IITs to revamp industrial, energy policies

Experts To Map Sectoral Strengths, Gap

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Lucknow: The UP govt has initiated a comprehensive exercise to strengthen the state's policy and investment framework by engaging leading academic institutions for sectoral research and evaluation studies.

"Anchored by Invest UP and conducted with the help of experts at IIT Kanpur and Roorkee, these studies aim to strengthen the state's industrial and renewable energy frameworks by identifying policy gaps, benchmarking best practices and recommending strategies for enhancing investment attractiveness, industrial competitiveness and sustainable development outcomes. Together, the studies are ex-

EXPECTED OUTCOMES

➤ Strengthened and future-ready sectoral policies aligned with industrial and clean energy priorities

➤ Evidence-based policy amendments to enhance private sector participation and attract investment

➤ Data-driven recommendations supporting UP's vision of becoming a trillion-dollar economy

➤ Institutional collaboration between academia and govt to ensure sustainable and inclusive growth

pected to guide the state's industrial and clean energy roadmap over the next decade," an insider said.

IIT Kanpur will assess food processing, textiles and the state's startup policy while IIT Roorkee will evaluate the Solar Energy Policy 2022, Bio-Energy Policy 2022 and Green Hydrogen Policy 2024.

"The IITs are likely to assess existing policy vis-a-vis elements like intent, institutional design, fiscal and non-fiscal incentives, and effectiveness of implementation mechanisms. Then, they would compare UP's policies with leading Indian states and relevant countries to derive lessons from successful policy frameworks, incentive mechanisms, and industrial development models," an official said.

The exercise also includes mapping sectoral strengths, weaknesses, opportunities and threats (SWOT) for each focus sector, officials said and added that experts would identify institutional and infrastructural gaps that constrain invest-

ment, productivity and innovation.

"The list of deliverables also includes evaluating the impact of existing policies on MSMEs, employment, exports and sustainability outcomes, and designing sector-specific investment promotion strategies that align with the state's industrial corridors, logistic hubs and cluster-based development plans," they said.

In addition, they would recommend new institutional mechanisms or capacity-building initiatives for effective policy delivery and investor facilitation; propose revisions or amendments to existing policies based on data-driven insights and stakeholder feedback; suggest an integrated monitoring and evaluation framework to track policy performance over time; and formulate actionable strategies for strengthening public-private-academia linkages, fostering innovation and ensuring sustainable and inclusive industrial growth.