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Viksit UP@2047: Invest UP host's conference on 'Shaping Uttar Pradesh's Industrial Future'*

Lucknow, November 26: Invest UP, the investment promotion and facilitation agency of the Government of Uttar Pradesh, organised a conference titled "Shaping Uttar Pradesh's Industrial Future: Strategies for Viksit Bharat @2047" today at The Centrum, Lucknow. The event was part of a series of stakeholder meetings for the formulation of the 'Viksit UP@2047 Action Plan'.

Aligned with Chief Minister Yogi Adityanath's long-term development vision, the conference brought together senior policymakers, industry associations, and sectoral experts to deliberate on Uttar Pradesh's roadmap for emerging as a developed, globally competitive and innovation-led economy by 2047.

Senior officials from key state departments—including Infrastructure & Industrial Development, MSME, Khadi & Village Industries, Handloom & Textiles, and Mining—participated in a focused brainstorming session aimed at accelerating strategies under the Viksit UP@2047 framework and strengthening coordinated planning across sectors.

Speaking at the session, Infrastructure & Industrial Development Commissioner Shri Deepak Kumar highlighted the State's strong financial health and stability. He noted that Uttar Pradesh is the third-largest economy in India, with robust capital expenditure on infrastructure and a growing working population.

He emphasised that the State offers a disciplined and investor-friendly ecosystem, providing clear policies and support for entrepreneurs. Addressing investors and entrepreneurs, he noted that the state's policies are extensive, well-curated, and among the best in the country. While there are occasional challenges related to land availability and acquisition—given UP's large population—the state's policy framework remains one of the strongest.

Shri Manoj Kumar Singh, Chief Executive Officer, State Transformation Commission, Govt. of Uttar Pradesh, highlighted how Uttar Pradesh has transformed into a preferred destination for investors. He emphasised the State's robust law and order system, providing a secure and stable environment for business operations.

He underlined that speed of doing business and proactive facilitation are key drivers in attracting investment, creating employment, and positioning Uttar Pradesh as a global industrial hub ready to achieve the vision of *Viksit Bharat @2047*.

He further noted that enhancing workforce productivity is vital for effective industrial operations. He underscored the need for a more efficient industrial land allotment process, stronger monitoring mechanisms for investment projects, and greater focus on skill development.

Shri Alok Kumar, Additional Chief Secretary, Infrastructure and Industrial Development Department, then delivered a detailed presentation on *Industrial Development @2047*, outlining key structural reforms, infrastructure expansion, and sectoral priorities. He emphasised that rapid changes are taking place, and the next 25 years will bring even faster transformations. “The Hon’ble Chief Minister wanted the Vision Document to be inclusive and reflective of everyone’s participation.” He noted that while the industrial sector is showing strong momentum, much more still needs to be achieved.

Shri Rajeev Thakur, Additional Secretary & Advisor, Program Director,

Governance & Reforms/Infrastructure Connectivity, NITI Aayog, Govt. of India highlighted the vast potential of Uttar Pradesh’s railway sector. He emphasised that with strategic planning and targeted investments, the State can effectively harness this potential to boost industrial growth, trade, and regional connectivity. He stressed on the need for short term, medium term and long term infrastructure development goals, including roads, railways, aviation, logistics and public transport sectors.

Shri Alok Kumar, Principal Secretary, Planning Department, presented the roadmap for *UP@2047* and informed that the blueprint has three core missions: Arth Shakti (economic strength), Srijan Shakti (innovation & education), Jeevan Shakti (health, welfare & quality of life), and aligned with twelve priority sectors. This tri-pillar approach ensures balanced growth—economic progress with social wellbeing and creative energy.

He said the manufacturing sector will remain the most crucial driver of growth, while the expansion of the tertiary sector will also depend on the performance of the secondary sector. “We aim to significantly raise the state’s economic size, global competitiveness, and productivity across sectors.”

Shri Anil Sagar, Principal Secretary, Khadi and Village Industries, Textiles and Handlooms Department, Govt. of Uttar Pradesh, emphasised that Khadi will play a pivotal role in strengthening Uttar Pradesh’s textile sector. He noted that the state is home to 536 Khadi societies and that the sector has witnessed substantial growth in recent years. The handloom segment, in particular, has a higher share of women workers. Uttar Pradesh is also the country’s largest producer of durries and rugs. In terms of employment generation, the Khadi and textile sectors contribute significantly,

positioning UP as a leading state in this industry. They should increase Khadi production by ensuring greater availability of raw materials.

"The textile sector is second only to agriculture in providing employment. Thread of future is being spun in UP," he stated.

Shri Ishtiyaque Ahmed, Program Director, Industry & Foreign Investment, NITI Ayog, Govt. of India said that Uttar Pradesh has recorded significant growth in per capita income. Although UP has traditionally been an agriculture-driven state, a stronger focus on the manufacturing sector will further accelerate its economic growth. The state also has a major demographic advantage, and manufacturing continues to attract higher levels of investment.

Shri Shashank Chaudhary, Additional Chief Executive Officer, Invest UP, delivered the opening address with a presentation on Single Window System-Nivesh Mitra and the state's strengthened Ease of Doing Business framework. He highlighted that Nivesh Mitra 3.0 will be a milestone in itself, addressing all past challenges comprehensively. It will also feature an AI-assisted guidance tool to further enhance user experience.

The conference also saw participation from leading industry bodies including Associated Chambers of Commerce and Industry of India (ASSOCHAM), Confederation of Indian Industry (CII), Federation of Indian Chambers of Commerce & Industry (FICCI), Indian Industries Association (IIA), Laghu Udyog Bharati, PHD Chamber of Commerce, and Northern India Textile Research Association.

Hassan Yakoob from ASSOCHAM (Co-Chairman) said that Uttar Pradesh already has more than 30 sectoral policies in place. He added that the import duty on the toy industry needs to be reduced. If we can promote the gaming industry and develop specific, targeted initiatives for it, it will significantly support growth.

Abhishek Saraff, Vice Chairman, CII, said Uttar Pradesh is strengthening its economic self-reliance through strategic reforms, improved infrastructure, and supportive regulations. Enhanced connectivity, rising industrial investments, and a pro-entrepreneurship environment have created a business-friendly climate, attracting both domestic and global investors.

Rajesh Nigam, Co-Chairman of the PHD Chamber of Commerce, emphasised the need to accelerate industrialisation and adopt a stronger entrepreneurial approach.

Manoj Gupta, Chairman FICCI, highlighted the State's expanding transport and logistics networks, ensuring seamless movement for agriculture, manufacturing, healthcare, and tourism sectors. These

improvements are driving industrial corridors, boosting exports, and strengthening regional connectivity.

Amit Agrawal, State General Secretary, Laghu Udyog Bharti stated that Uttar Pradesh has immense potential to become a major manufacturing hub. They reiterated their full support to MSMEs and emphasised the need to create more entrepreneurs while further strengthening and boosting the MSME sector.

Dinesh Goyal, National President of the Indian Industries Association, highlighted that for Uttar Pradesh to become a USD 6 trillion economy by 2047, the state must enhance the competitiveness of its industries and make them smarter. He stressed the need for greater adoption of technology to achieve this goal.

Around 150 delegates participated in the workshop.

Earlier, the conference began in the afternoon with participant registration, followed by the ceremonial lamp lighting by dignitaries.