

Invest UP convenes stakeholders' meet in New Delhi to catalyse growth in textile and apparel sector

New Delhi/Lucknow, November 15- Invest UP organised a high-level Stakeholder Consultation on the Textile and Apparel sector in New Delhi, bringing together sourcing companies, manufacturers, industry partners and representatives from international firms for a collaborative, forward-looking dialogue on strengthening Uttar Pradesh as a preferred global sourcing and manufacturing hub.

The session opened with a formal welcome and acknowledgement of the transformative vision of Hon'ble Chief Minister Yogi Adityanath, whose investor-friendly governance has enabled strong industrial expansion across the state.

Building Uttar Pradesh as a leading sourcing and manufacturing destination

The consultation focused on identifying policy enablers, enhancing manufacturing competitiveness and strengthening the investment ecosystem. Participants shared sectoral experiences and exchanged insights on how Bharat's textile and apparel industry can accelerate growth through innovation, sustainability, skill development, digitalisation and stronger alignment with global value chains.

There was a shared commitment to unlocking new opportunities, boosting exports and shaping a resilient, future-ready textile sector that contributes to Uttar Pradesh's economic transformation.

Encouraging youth entrepreneurship and skill development

A key part of the dialogue emphasised encouraging the younger generation to pursue entrepreneurship in textiles. Stakeholders highlighted the need for practical skill-based learning in schools, design-oriented training in colleges, stronger academia-industry collaboration, and wider adoption of digital and technology-driven education.

They also stressed long-term government-industry partnerships to modernise supply chains, expand automation, promote export-oriented units and embed sustainability across all stages of production.

Industry needs and policy support

Industry representatives underscored the importance of easier access to capital, greater expansion incentives and customised financial support for MSMEs. Manufacturers also raised issues concerning labour availability, tariff structures, power reliability, logistics gaps, cluster development and alignment of pricing with quality standards.

Invest UP presented a detailed overview of Uttar Pradesh's rapidly expanding textile landscape—highlighting strong infrastructure, an extensive industrial land bank and a holistic textile ecosystem supporting world-class manufacturing. Key opportunity areas showcased included the PM MITRA Park, private and integrated parks, IMLCs, technical textiles, MMF and ready-made garments.

The team also detailed major policy frameworks such as the Investment Promotion Policy 2023, IIEPP Policy 2022 and over 30 sectoral policies covering textiles, MSMEs, footwear, FDI and more. Incentives

including land and capital subsidies, SGST reimbursement, stamp duty waiver, electricity duty exemption, logistics subsidies, patent refunds, and green and skill incentives were outlined.

Amit Singh: UP emerging as a global textile contender

Joining virtually, Shri Amit Singh, Secretary to the Hon'ble Chief Minister, highlighted the government's sustained efforts to reduce logistics costs, strengthen competitiveness and attract global investors. Emphasising the state's vast consumer base and supportive administrative ecosystem, he encouraged industry leaders to transition from being suppliers to becoming global creators.

Addressing the gathering virtually, CEO Invest UP, Shri Vijay Kiran Anand, invited industry leaders to share inputs for further strengthening the textile investment ecosystem. He encouraged investors to explore emerging opportunities and assured full facilitation from Invest UP and the Government of Uttar Pradesh. Calling Invest UP a "bridge for investors," he invited stakeholders to visit Lucknow for deeper engagement.

Shri Amit Singh Pal, Assistant Commissioner, Textile Division, outlined key incentives and strengths of UP's integrated ecosystem.

Senior government officials, representatives from leading sourcing firms, and Professor Nachiketa Tiwari from IIT Kanpur were also present. Prof. Nachiketa offered an overarching perspective on emerging global trends, emphasising the need for advanced technologies, research-led interventions, and sustainable practices in the textile and apparel sector. He also actively addressed the queries of participating stakeholders. As the moderator of the session, he highlighted key industry challenges and steered the discussion towards practical solutions and collaborative approaches for strengthening the sector's growth trajectory.

More than 45 companies participated, including RH Macy Liaison, Triburg, SAAR (South Asia Apparel Resources), East & Apparel, Designco, Valencia Apparel, Shahi Exports and others.