

Uttar Pradesh Showcases GCC Ambition, Talent Strength And AI-Ready Ecosystem at MachineCon GCC Summit in Goa

State highlights investor-friendly GCC Policy, world-class infrastructure and deep talent pool to attract global enterprises

Senior officials outline Uttar Pradesh's vision to become India's next major hub for Global Capability Centres and technology-led growth

Goa/Lucknow, June 20: Uttar Pradesh reinforced its position as one of India's most promising destinations for **Global Capability Centres (GCCs)** at the MachineCon GCC Summit 2026 in Goa, where senior officials showcased the state's policy support, infrastructure strength, talent depth, and future-ready technology ecosystem before GCC leaders, CIOs, CTOs, and industry executives.

Shri Alok Kumar, Additional Chief Secretary, Infrastructure & Industrial Development and NRI Affairs, delivered the keynote address and highlighted the state's **unprecedented economic transformation** driven by governance reforms, rapid infrastructure expansion, and investor-focused initiatives. He underscored the **GCC Policy 2024**, which offers one of India's most competitive incentive packages—capital subsidies up to 25%, operational support, land incentives, payroll assistance, and stamp duty exemptions—designed to support companies from setup to global scale.

“Uttar Pradesh offers the ideal combination of talent, affordability, connectivity, and scalability. We are building an ecosystem where global enterprises can innovate and grow with confidence,” he said. He also outlined the **Business Parks Policy**, enabling collaboration between government, developers, and GCC operators to create world-class infrastructure. Noida has already emerged as a leading hub for knowledge-driven industries, while Lucknow and Kanpur are steadily gaining momentum as technology and services centres.

Talent and AI Driving Next-Phase Growth

In a panel on “Talent as a Growth Lever,” Shri Alok Kumar, Principal Secretary, IT & Electronics, emphasized the state's unmatched talent ecosystem. With **8,000+ higher education institutions** including IIT Kanpur, IIT BHU, IIIT Lucknow, IIIT Prayagraj, NIT Prayagraj, and IIM Lucknow, Uttar Pradesh produces over **200,000 STEM graduates annually**, ensuring a steady pipeline for GCC operations.

He also highlighted the state's **₹225 crore AI Mission**, industry-academic partnerships, and upcoming **Deep-Tech Hubs** at IIT Kanpur and IIIT Lucknow to strengthen capabilities in AI, cybersecurity, quantum technologies, and other frontier sectors.

Infrastructure and Policy Confidence

Officials pointed to transformative infrastructure investments—an extensive expressway network, expanding metro systems, and the upcoming **Noida International Airport**, set to be one of Asia’s largest aviation hubs. Digital readiness is equally strong, with IT parks, SEZs, and the single-window clearance system **Nivesh Mitra**, simplifying approvals and boosting investor confidence.

The discussions at MachineCon GCC Summit 2026 reflected growing industry interest in Uttar Pradesh’s emergence as a future-ready destination for Global Capability Centres. With a large skilled workforce, modern infrastructure, competitive costs and a supportive policy ecosystem, the state is positioning itself as a key driver of India’s next wave of technology-led growth and global business services expansion.
