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State Partner - U.P. showcases conducive investment climate in the state to potential investors

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- ***Investors show interest in Pharmaceutical, Skill development, Solar Energy, Manufacturing sectors***

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Uttar Pradesh made a strong pitch for educating top business leaders of the world from several countries along with business captains from India about the upcoming world-class industry friendly infrastructure and rapidly improving doing-business environment in the State here today.

“Growth of per capita income of Uttar Pradesh (13.4%) has been higher than that of India (10.43%) during (2007-2014)”, **stated U.P. Principal Secretary, Infrastructure & Industrial Development - Shri Mahesh Kumar Gupta** in his special address on 'Uttar Pradesh: Land of Unlimited Opportunities' at ET Global Business Summit here today. Uttar Pradesh is participating as ‘State Partner’ in Global Business Summit being organized by a prominent media group (Times of India Group) in New Delhi.

Stressing on development of infrastructure for economic and industrial growth, the **Principal Secretary said** that the state was focusing on building world-class infrastructure.

Shri Gupta informed the audience, comprising of top industrialists and investors, about the flagship mega projects including Agra-Lucknow Expressway, and upcoming Trans-Ganga Hi-tech City-Unnao, Sarasvati Hi-Tech City-Allahabad, Plastic City-Auraiya in addition to 13 smart cities planned in U.P. **He said** that U.P. was the only state to initiate metro rail mass transit system in various cities simultaneously, including – Lucknow, Noida, Ghaziabad, Varanasi, etc. Of which primary section of Lucknow Metro rail should be operational by the end of current year.

Elaborating on the measures being taken to improve ease of doing business in Uttar Pradesh and highlighting the fact that U.P. ranked amongst the top 10 states in India last year, **Shri Mahesh Kumar Gupta** said that State's online single window system – Nivesh Mitra had been ranked one of the best Single Window Portal by erstwhile Planning Commission (2014).

There was unprecedented response from business leaders and promising investors about the changing scenario of business and industry in Uttar Pradesh. Several investors met Principal Secretary, Infrastructure & Industrial Development – Shri Mahesh Kumar Gupta with their plans and queries pertaining to investment in U.P.

Vice President, South Asia & Managing Director of GSK (GlaxoSmithKline) Pharmaceuticals - Annaswamy Vaidheesh offered inputs in State's new pharmaceutical policy, which is in offing. He also assured a tie-up meeting with Organisation of Pharma Producers in India in this regard.

CEO of Raymonds – Sanjay Behl said that in addition to technical skill centres the company was running in U.P., it was interested in starting skill development for artisans of the State.

President of Solar Energy without Borders from Texas, USA – Syed Akbar Hashmi expressed interest in setting up solar power plants in various smart cities in U.P. He informed that 500 MW solar power generation plant can be set up on around 2,500 acres of land.

Representative of **Alstom Power** expressed willingness to invest in manufacturing sector. Besides, officials of Lenovo, Redcliff, Balan Group, Apollo Hospitals also enquired about the investment opportunities in the State.

Earlier, the Uttar Pradesh Pavilion was inaugurated by the **Principal Secretary, Infrastructure & Industrial Development of U.P. government – Shri Mahesh Kumar Gupta**.

U.P. Pavilion had been embellished with panels and models of flagship mega industrial and social infrastructure projects under implementation in the State, including Agra-Lucknow Expressway, Trans-Ganga Hi-tech City-Unnao, Saravati Hi-Tech City, Naini-Allahabad, Delhi-Mumbai Industrial Corridor and Eastern Dedicated Freight Corridor. Tajmahal and Lucknow Metro panels were standout attractions in the pavilion.

Principal Secretary, Infrastructure & Industrial Development – ***Shri Mahesh Kumar Gupta***, Principal Secretary, Energy – ***Shri Sanjay Agarwal***, Principal Secretary, IT – ***Shri R K Tiwari***, Principal Secretary, Medical & Health – ***Shri Arvind Kumar***, MD, UPSIDC – ***Shri Manoj Singh***, and Joint Executive Director of *Udyog Bandhu* – ***Ms Kanchan Verma*** participated actively in various strategic roundtable talks.
