

## **Agra Theme Park project gains momentum**

***Foundation laying of Theme Park likely by February next year  
Government reaches out to industrialists and entrepreneurs  
UPSIDC to develop new industrial area in Agra***

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**Concession Agreement** will soon be ready for development of Seven Cities Theme Park proposed in Agra. Furthermore, process is on for obtaining clearances regarding Environmental Impact Assessment (EIA) and related to Taj Trapezium Zone (TTZ), which is a world heritage protected site.

Expected to give unprecedented impetus to tourism in the region, the park will have seven segments, depicting historical to modern era in India. Apart from Taj Mahal, the Theme park will prove to be an additional tourist attraction. **Managing Director**, U.P. State Industrial Development Corporation (**UPSIDC**)- **Mr Manoj Singh** informed that **foundation laying ceremony** of this one-of-its-kind in the region was likely by February next year.

The information was given in a high-level review meeting at Agra under the Chairmanship of **Divisional Commissioner of Agra – Mr Pradeep Bhatnagar** in the presence of **Principal Secretary, Industrial Development – Mr Sanjiv Saran** and **Mr Sanjay Khan** of the **Strategic Partner** for the project, **Kingdome Entertainment Pvt Ltd**.

**Mr Sanjay Khan broadly outlined** the plan of the project and promised that environmental issues had been taken into account and whole project would be absolutely environment friendly, with zero-discharge, water harvesting and solar power provisions. He informed that in institutional area, a Media and Hospitality training centre would also be established.

It may be noted that **MoU has already been signed** with the Strategic Partner in August this year, while **constitution of Special Purpose Vehicle (SPV)**, Agra Park & Infra Development Pvt Ltd, is underway for this major tourism project to come up in nearly 1000 acres near Agra.

Earlier today, following the continued endeavour of the State government to promptly address the issues of industries for facilitating industrial growth and employment generation in Uttar Pradesh, after Meerut yesterday, **Principal Secretary, Infrastructure & Industrial Development, Mr Sanjiv Saran** held a marathon interactive session with industrialists and entrepreneurs of Agra division today.

**Mr Sanjiv Saran said**, *“Industrialists and entrepreneurs should feel free to communicate their problems to government and Udyog Bandhu, we will try our best to address them.*

Reiterating various mechanisms like *Samadhaan Divas*, U.P. Industrial Grievance Redressal System and telephone helpline in place for resolution of issues, **Mr Saran said** that on demand of industries, government would take appropriate measures to strengthen District Industries Centres as single-table system at district level. “Moreover, web-enabled single window system of *Nivesh Mitra* would also be further improved”, **he added**.

On Principal Secretary informed that for improving ease of doing business environment in the State, in addition to **already active task-force on labour reforms**, principal secretaries of all concerned departments had been asked to consult industrial associations about simplification and efficient measures required to mitigate the hindrances faced in running and setting up industries.

**Divisional Commissioner of Agra, Mr Pradeep Bhatnagar** said that the industrialists should be treated with regard and respect.

**Managing Director, U.P. State Industrial Development Corporation (UPSIDC), Mr Manoj Singh** informed that a new industrial area would be developed in Agra in around 400 ha of land.

In all nearly 40 issues were discussed for resolution.



**L-R: Mr Sanjiv Saran (Prin. Secy, Industrial Dev., Mr Pradeep Bhatnagar (Commissioner-Agra) & Mr Sanjay Khan**