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UPEIDA Showcases Investment Opportunities and IMLC Programme at AIPMA International Conference in Lucknow

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The All India Plastics Manufacturers' Association (AIPMA) organized the 4th International Conference on "India as a Global Sourcing Hub for the Plastics and Packaging Industry" on August 13, 2026, at Taj Mahal, Lucknow, Uttar Pradesh. The conference was graced by Hon'ble Shri Brajesh Pathak, Deputy Chief Minister of Uttar Pradesh, as the Chief Guest, while Smt. Mercy Epao, Joint Secretary, Ministry of Micro, Small & Medium Enterprises, Government of India, attended as the Guest of Honour. The conference brought together policymakers, industry leaders, manufacturers and investors to deliberate upon India's growing role as a global manufacturing and sourcing destination for the plastics and packaging industry.

The Uttar Pradesh Expressways Industrial Development Authority (UPEIDA) actively participated in the conference, with Smt. Monika Kumar, AGM, Integrated Manufacturing and Logistics Cluster (IMLC), representing the Authority as a speaker. Addressing the gathering on "Investment Opportunities in Uttar Pradesh," she highlighted the State's rapidly expanding industrial ecosystem and showcased UPEIDA's flagship Integrated Manufacturing and Logistics Cluster (IMLC) Programme as a key driver of industrial growth, logistics efficiency and investment attraction across Uttar Pradesh.

During her presentation, Smt. Monika Kumar highlighted that Uttar Pradesh has emerged as one of India's most promising investment destinations. With a Gross State Domestic Product (GSDP) exceeding USD 340 billion, contributing nearly 09.37% to India's GDP, and a population of approximately 25 crore, the State offers one of the country's largest consumer markets. She further highlighted that Uttar Pradesh is home to more than 96 lakh MSMEs, the highest in the country, providing a strong industrial and entrepreneurial base supported by a large and skilled workforce.

Emphasizing the critical role of infrastructure in driving economic growth, she stated that Uttar Pradesh has developed one of India's strongest connectivity ecosystems, comprising more than 4 lakh kilometres of roads, over 16,000 kilometres of railway network, 19 domestic airports and 5 international airports, along with dedicated freight corridor connectivity and expanding multimodal logistics infrastructure. She noted that for a landlocked State, efficient connectivity is among the most important enablers of industrial competitiveness and investment attraction.

Speaking about Uttar Pradesh's leadership in expressway development, Smt. Monika Kumar stated that the State accounts for more than 2,150 kilometres of expressways and is the only State in India with 20 expressway projects, comprising 10 operational and 10 upcoming expressways. Upon completion, the extensive network is expected to connect nearly 65% of the State's districts, significantly enhancing regional accessibility, economic integration and industrial connectivity.

She further elaborated on UPEIDA's evolving vision, which has moved beyond road infrastructure development towards the creation of integrated economic corridors capable of generating investment, employment and logistics efficiency. Under this vision, UPEIDA is developing 27 Integrated Manufacturing and Logistics Clusters (IMLCs) across 26 districts along five major expressways. Collectively, these clusters offer an industrial land bank

of approximately 12,700 acres, with individual industrial areas ranging from around 220 acres to more than 1,600 acres, providing opportunities for anchor industries as well as large-scale investments.

Smt. Monika Kumar explained that the IMLCs are being developed as investor-ready industrial destinations, equipped with world-class infrastructure and essential utilities. These include direct access to expressways, multimodal connectivity through road, rail and air networks, dedicated power infrastructure and substations, assured water supply, internal road networks, drainage systems, fire stations and other supporting facilities. The integrated infrastructure is aimed at reducing logistics costs, improving operational efficiency and creating a conducive business environment for industries.

Highlighting the growing investor confidence in the IMLC Programme, she informed the participants that investors from diverse sectors, including beverage manufacturing, logistics, renewable energy, pharmaceuticals, construction equipment and industrial manufacturing, have already shown strong interest in the clusters. To date, approximately 300 acres of land have been allotted, attracting proposed investments of around *₹6,105 crore and creating the potential for more than 8,000 employment opportunities.

The presentation also highlighted Uttar Pradesh's commitment to Ease of Doing Business through initiatives such as the Nivesh Mitra single-window clearance system, Nivesh Sarathi investor facilitation platform, digital approval mechanisms and online incentive management systems. Smt. Monika Kumar noted that the recently launched Nivesh Mitra 3.0 provides integrated approvals, real-time application tracking and simplified business processes, further strengthening the State's investor-friendly ecosystem.

She also highlighted the State Government's robust policy framework, comprising more than 33 sector-specific policies covering priority sectors such as manufacturing, logistics, food processing, electronics, defence, electric vehicles, data centres and renewable energy. These policies, along with targeted incentives under the State's investment promotion framework, are playing an important role in attracting domestic and global investments to Uttar Pradesh.

Concluding her address, Smt. Monika Kumar stated that Uttar Pradesh is transitioning from a story of connectivity to a story of competitiveness, with every expressway being developed as a catalyst for industrial growth, investment and regional development. She emphasized that the State's infrastructure-led development model is creating a strong foundation for investment, employment generation and inclusive economic growth.

"Connectivity got us here; competitiveness is what we build next. Uttar Pradesh's expressway network is not just transforming mobility, it is creating the industrial and economic backbone of a trillion-dollar state economy," she remarked.

Through initiatives such as the Integrated Manufacturing and Logistics Cluster (IMLC) Programme, UPEIDA continues to play a pivotal role in transforming Uttar Pradesh into a preferred investment destination. The Authority's integrated approach to expressway-led industrial development is contributing to the State's vision of becoming a USD 1 trillion economy and supporting the broader national vision of Viksit Bharat 2047.