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Yogi Adityanath

Hon'ble Chief Minister, Uttar Pradesh

Message

Uttar Pradesh, the 3rd largest state of India, is at the cusp of a transformational journey. The vision of Atmanirbhar Bharat laid down by the Hon'ble Prime Minister, Shri Narendra Modi has been the pillar of this metamorphosis. Backed by major governance reforms, an excellent law & order situation, progressive policies and development of state-of-the-art greenfield infrastructure including logistics facilities, airports, expressways, metro, Industrial corridors, etc. a vibrant investment climate has been created in the State. Being home to a population size of over 250 million people, Uttar Pradesh is the largest consumer & labour market in India.

Aligning with the Hon'ble Prime Minister's vision of making India a 5-trillion dollar (USD) economy, Uttar Pradesh aims to be a major contributor by surging ahead to become One Trillion-dollar (USD) Economy. Our state has become a beacon of growth, driving forward the aspirations of our nation. Through concerted efforts and strategic planning, we have transformed the investment landscape, making Uttar Pradesh the foremost destination for investors both domestically and internationally.

Through the various reformative steps taken for creating a holistic ecosystem for industrial development and the formulation of more than 36 policies for attracting global investments, the State Government assures a grand welcome to all our investor partners. On this note, I heartfully welcome the global business community to come, invest in UP to power New India.

Invest - Uttar Pradesh



Shri Deepak Kumar (IAS)

Infrastructure & Industrial Development Commissioner

Message

Infrastructure & Industrial Development Commissioner, Government of Uttar Pradesh
Building Uttar Pradesh as a Global Hub for Technology, Innovation and High-Value Employment

Uttar Pradesh is advancing towards becoming a leading destination for global technology enterprises, Global Capability Centres (GCCs), IT/ITeS, engineering and digital services. Supported by expanding world-class infrastructure, a vast talent pool, progressive sectoral policies and investor-centric governance, the State offers significant opportunities for technology-led investment and employment generation.

Our vision extends beyond attracting investments to building a globally competitive ecosystem that enables high-value services, product engineering, artificial intelligence, research and development, and technology-driven innovation. We are equally committed to creating large-scale employment opportunities across IT, business services, professional services and emerging technology sectors, while strengthening industry–academia collaboration and future-ready skilling.

Through coordinated efforts across government departments, development authorities and industry partners, our priority is to ensure investment-ready infrastructure, seamless facilitation and predictable execution-enabling enterprises to establish, expand and scale their operations with confidence.

We invite global enterprises, technology leaders, GCCs and ecosystem partners to join Uttar Pradesh in building the next generation of global capabilities, innovation and high-value employment.

I extend my warmest greetings and best wishes to all participants, industry leaders, investors and partners attending the GCC Innovation Summit on 26–27 October 2026 in Lucknow. I am confident that the Summit will catalyse meaningful partnerships, accelerate technology-led investments and create new opportunities for innovation and employment across Uttar Pradesh.



Shri Alok Kumar (IAS)

Additional Chief Secretary
Infrastructure & Industrial Development Dept.
Government of Uttar Pradesh

Uttar Pradesh is entering a transformative phase of industrial and economic growth, driven by world-class infrastructure, progressive policies, technology-led investments and a strong commitment to ease of doing business.

Global Capability Centres (GCCs) represent a strategic opportunity to accelerate this transformation, bringing global enterprises, advanced technologies, research, innovation and high-value employment to the State.

With its rapidly expanding infrastructure, strategic connectivity, competitive investment environment and growing talent ecosystem, Uttar Pradesh is positioning itself as a preferred destination for the next generation of GCCs. Our priority is not merely to attract investment commitments, but to translate them into operational enterprises, sustainable growth and tangible economic outcomes.

The GCC Innovation Summit 2026 provides an important platform to forge strategic partnerships between global enterprises, government, academia and innovators, while showcasing Uttar Pradesh's readiness to support GCC investments at scale.

Our vision is to build an investment ecosystem where global ambitions meet seamless execution, enabling Uttar Pradesh to emerge as a leading hub for technology, innovation and high-value services.

I extend a warm welcome to all participating leaders and look forward to meaningful partnerships and investment outcomes from this Summit.



Shri Alok Kumar (IAS)

Principal Secretary
Planning & Programme Implementation and
IT & Electronics Government of Uttar Pradesh

As Uttar Pradesh advances towards its ambitious vision of becoming a USD 1 trillion economy, the IT/ITeS sector and Global Capability Centres (GCCs) will play a pivotal role in driving technology-led growth, attracting high-value investments and generating quality employment.

With its vast talent pool, premier academic institutions, expanding infrastructure and growing focus on artificial intelligence, emerging technologies and innovation, Uttar Pradesh is poised to become a preferred destination for global technology and business operations.

The GCC Innovation Summit 2026 provides a strategic platform to bring together global enterprises, academia, startups and policymakers to explore new opportunities in AI-Powered GCCs, advanced IT/ITeS services, industry–academia collaboration and future-ready talent development.

Our endeavour is to build an integrated IT/ITeS and GCC ecosystem that goes beyond traditional service delivery to foster innovation, global capability ownership and high value economic activity—contributing meaningfully to Uttar Pradesh's USD 1 trillion economy vision.

I look forward to impactful deliberations, strategic partnerships and tangible outcomes from this Summit.

IIT Kanpur Alumni Association



Prof. Manindra Agrawal

Director, IIT Kanpur
Patron, IIT Kanpur Alumni Association

It is my pleasure to note that IIT Kanpur, in partnership with HCLTech as the Principal Sponsor, is organizing the GCC Innovation Summit 2026 – GCC 4.0: AI-Powered. Sector-Smart. UP-Ready. in Lucknow on Oct 26.

Artificial Intelligence and emerging technologies are transforming industries and accelerating innovations. At IIT Kanpur, we are advancing Research and Technology development across Deep Tech domains, including AI, Cybersecurity, Drones, MedTech, Sustainability, and Quantum Technologies, Semiconductors.

Global Capability Centres (GCCs) play a vital role in connecting global talent, research, and enterprise innovation. This summit offers a valuable platform for collaboration among industry leaders, startups, academia, and policymakers to develop scalable solutions and strengthen India's innovation ecosystem.

I extend my best wishes to them organizing team and all participants for a successful and impactful summit.



Shri Rakesh Sharma

President, IIT Kanpur Alumni Association
Distinguished Services Awardee,
IIT Kanpur

Dear Esteemed Guests,

The GCC Innovation Summit reflects the strength of the IIT Kanpur alumni community—supportive, active, and spread across every sector of influence.

With this vast network, the Association is uniquely positioned to bring together academia, startups, GCCs, and global institutions on one platform. This gathering is designed not just for dialogue but for action, where collaborations turn into lasting initiatives.

Through co-creation, we aim to amplify individual strengths into collective impact, shaping Bharat as a global hub of innovation.



Prof. Amey Karkare

Dean of Resources and Alumni
Secretary, Alumni Association
IIT Kanpur

It is my pleasure to welcome you to the GCC Innovation Summit 2026 in Lucknow. IIT Kanpur Alumni Association is committed to advancing Research and Innovation across emerging technology domains, including artificial intelligence, robotics, energy, and advanced materials.

The summit provides an important platform for GCCs, startups, academia, and industry leaders to collaborate, translate research into practical solutions, and nurture future-ready talent. Through Co-Creation and Strategic Partnerships, we can accelerate technology adoption, strengthen the innovation ecosystem, and contribute to India's global competitiveness.

I look forward to meaningful discussions and lasting collaborations that will shape the future of innovation and technology leadership in India.



Shri Jai Shankar Sharma

Chairperson - SMC
Distinguished Services Awardee,
IIT Kanpur

Since 2015, Startup Master Class (SMC) has fostered deep-tech innovation through mentorship, funding, and strategic partnerships. The GCC Innovation Summit 2026 in Lucknow builds on this legacy by bringing together GCC leaders, startups, investors, academia, and policymakers to accelerate innovation and strengthen Uttar Pradesh's GCC ecosystem.

The summit will facilitate focused interactions among GCC leaders, investors, startups, researchers, and senior government officials, including representatives from Invest UP, to explore collaboration and investment opportunities and position Uttar Pradesh as a leading hub for technology and innovation.

Special arrangements are planned for focused, closed-door interactions among GCC leaders, investors, researchers, startups, and senior government officials, including representatives from Invest UP, to identify opportunities for collaboration, investment, and technology development.

HCL Tech



Shri Kiran Cherukuri

EVP & Global GCC Practice Head, HCLTech
Chairperson CII National Task Force Workgroup on GCC Expansions
Member, Technical Advisory Panel - Govt. of Uttar Pradesh

Message

The next generation of GCCs will be AI-powered, sector-smart, and increasingly distributed across India's emerging technology hubs. Uttar Pradesh is uniquely positioned to participate in this growth, supported by its strong talent base, expanding digital infrastructure, vibrant industry-academia collaboration, and the Government's proactive policy framework and commitment to fostering innovation-led investments.

Through the GCC Innovation Summit, HCLTech looks forward to contributing its experience and ecosystem perspective to help accelerate the development of future-ready GCCs, strengthen regional competitiveness, and position next-wave cities as globally relevant centers for technology, innovation, and business services."

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GCC Leaders

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Smartworks	Smith & Nephew	Sopra Steria
STMicroelectronics	Tech M	TNS
Wacker	Walmart	Wesco
Western Union	WSP Consultants India	Yum! Brands
Zendesk	Zinnov	Zyoin



Panel Themes

Panel 1	Behind the GCC Location Decision: Why We Chose Where We Chose
Panel 2	Why UP, Why Now: GCC Leaders on Choosing India's Next GCC Capital
Panel 3	Leading the AI-First GCC: Lessons from the Leaders Building India's Global Capability Centres
Panel 4	From Delivery to Ownership: Building Product-Led GCCs in India
Panel 5	GCC-Led Innovation: How GCC Leaders are Partnering with Startups & Centres of Excellence
Panel 6	Campus to GCC: What GCC Leaders Need from UP's Universities in the AI Era
Panel 7	Reskilling for the AI Era: How GCC Leaders are Future-Proofing their Workforce

Panel 1 A	Sector Panel: From Trial Support to Cure Ownership: Can India's Healthcare GCCs Lead Global R&D?
Panel 2 A	The AI-Powered Finance Function: How GCC Leaders are Reinventing Finance, Tax & Risk from India - Make topic Somewhat UP Specific
Panel 3 A	Flagship Panel: From Cost Centres to AI-Powered Growth Engines: The Next Wave of GCCs

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