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## Uttar Pradesh News Monitor

### **1. Greater Noida airport gets political push**

The international airport at Greater Noida, Uttar Pradesh chief minister Mayawati's pet project, is being taken out of the deep freezer after almost two years. This can be seen as the UPA government's way of expressing gratitude for her support in helping the central government sail through the cut motion in Parliament on Wednesday.

According to official sources, a group of ministers (GoM) headed by finance minister Pranab Mukherjee is scheduled to meet on May 5 to consider techno-feasibility of an airport coming up at Zevar (in Greater Noida) vis-a-vis the concession agreement for Delhi International Airport (DIAL). Besides civil aviation minister Praful Patel, law minister M Veerappa Moily is also part of the GoM. It seems the decision to hold this GoM meet — it has been hanging fire since 2008 — was taken on Friday afternoon at the highest level.

### **2. UP gives Rs 75 cr to 5 spinning mills**

In an attempt to bring relief to the employees of the five sick cooperative spinning mills of the state, the Uttar Pradesh government has sanctioned Rs 75 crore for the voluntary retirement scheme (VRS) introduced for them.

The fund for the scheme has been provided to the UP handicraft and textiles department as an interest-free loan and will be recovered from the sale of properties of these mills. By doing so, the state government was making an effective intervention in the highly litigated issue and was trying to provide a suitable exit to the workers and employees of the mills who were not getting their salaries. The five cooperative spinning mills are in Amroha, Bahedi, Mau Aima, Bahadurganj and Fatehpur. It may be mentioned that the mills have turned sick and the Bombay High Court had even passed an order to liquidate them.

However, the order was contested in the Supreme Court, which has since stayed the liquidation. The mills are not in a position to discharge their liabilities and while they are still operating, the production is very low and

the employees, too, are not getting their salaries on time. "Stepping in to help the workers, the state government has come up with this plan to give a suitable exit to the employees, on the one hand, and to lessen the liabilities of the mills, on the other. The second step would be seeing whether these mills can be privatized," informed an official.

### **3. Asian antelopes damage crops in Uttar Pradesh**

Farmers face huge losses as mature crops of watermelon and sugarcane are damaged by herds of nilgai (Asian antelopes) in Purbazar village of Uttar Pradesh's Faizabad district. "We are facing lots of problem because of nilgai. The ratio of nilgai here are in thousands and they come here and damage all our crops," said Ram Nayen, a farmer.

Farmers have put up bars and barricades to safeguard their crops from nilgai but have still continuously monitor their fields.

"We have put bars from all four sides to protect our crops from nilgai. We have to take care of our crops 24 hours. We don't get time to sleep as well as to eat. The moment we sleep, nilgai comes inside," complained Rajbali, a farmer

"The ratio of nilgai is so much here that day and nights farmers have to take care of their crops. And I think they must have damaged 25- 30 percent of the crops. Farmers along with their family have to take care of their crops," said Om Prakash Yadav, head of Purbazar village. Farmers say that though they have been suffering heavy losses, the Uttar Pradesh government has not taken any steps so far.

### **4. UP sets up lie-detection test centre in Lucknow**

The Uttar Pradesh government has set up and made operational its first lie-detection test facility at the Legal Scientific Laboratory in Lucknow.

The state government has asked all director generals of police — heading the CID, Vigilance, Intelligence, Economic Offence Wing, Anti-Corruption Branch, GRP, Prosecution department, all Zonal Inspector Generals of Police,

DIGs, district police chiefs and district and sessions judges — to forward cases needing lie-detection tests to the centre.

The state Anti-Terrorism Squad and Special Task Force have also been asked to forward their cases through these senior officers. For all issues pertaining to such tests, the Uttar Pradesh Police until now had to approach the Central agencies.

## **5. Non-food inflation may rise: UP Inc**

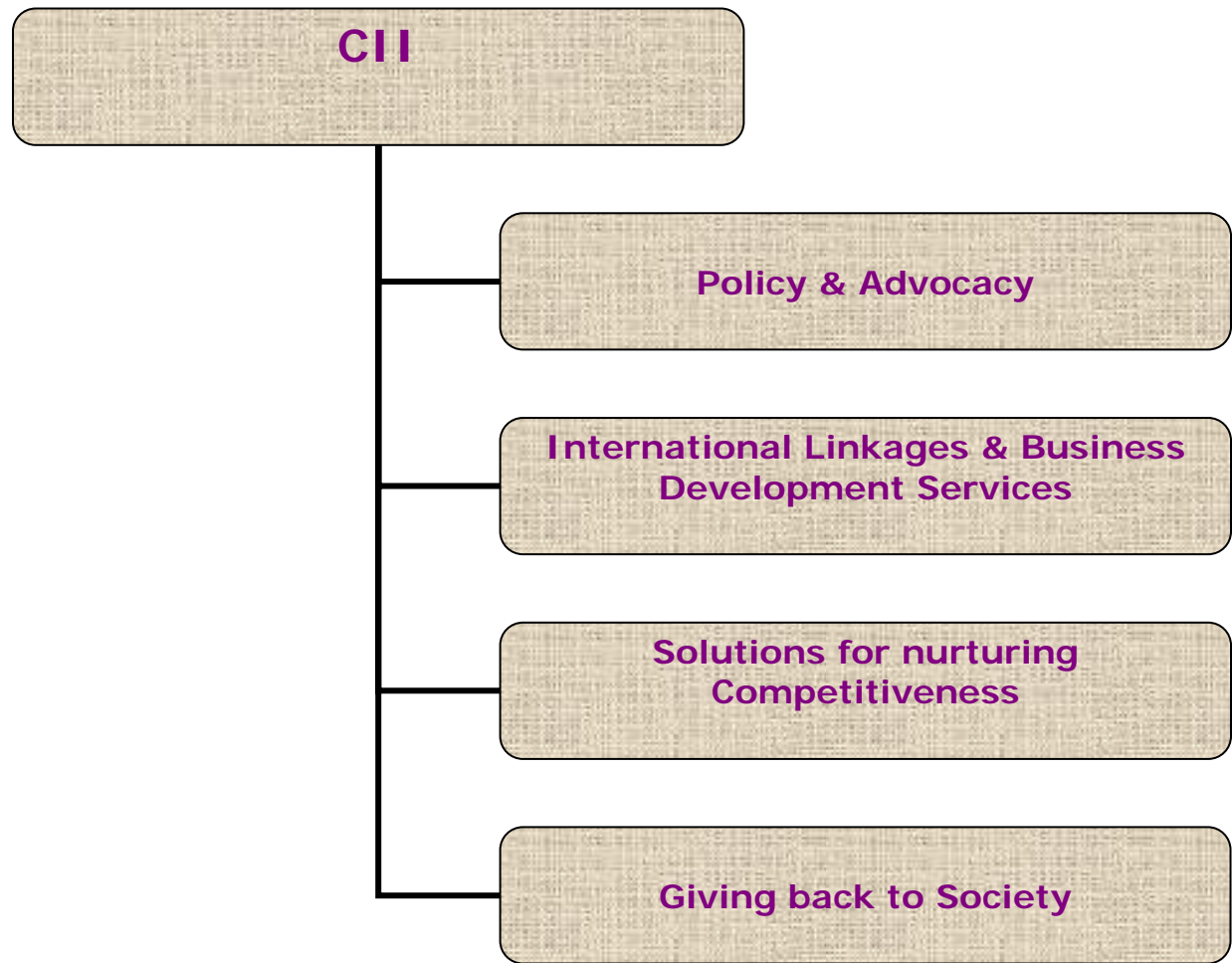
Uttar Pradesh Inc today expressed concern that the non-food inflation may rise due to increase in prices of steel, cement, fuel and imposing of service tax on real estate. Participating in a discussion on Union Budget, industry representatives expressed that the Budget had not recommended any specific measures to contain the high wholesale price index (WPI), which was hovering over 17 per cent.

“Although food inflation is likely to come down due to excepted bumper crop, the high WPI is a cause of concern,” Giri Institute of Development Studies director A K Singh said.

Mentioning that the Centre first allowed sugar export and later imported it at a higher price to combat domestic shortage, he said the government response on the price front had been weak. Similar situation could arise in case of wheat if its export was allowed, he warned.

Noted economist Arvind Mohan observed the Budget missed on carrying out the second generation reforms, and rural and human development should have been given more importance.

**CII Initiatives in Uttar Pradesh**  
**In sync with**  
**CII's SERVICE PORTFOLIO**  
**(The Four Pillars)**



Going along its service portfolio, CII UP State Council organized events, seminars and awareness sessions in March and April 2010 to offer its best services to its members and community alike. A snapshot of the activities are as follows:

- **HIV AIDS awareness sessions on International Women's Day**  
8 March, 2010: Bakshi ka Talab

To mark & celebrate International Women's Day, CII Uttar Pradesh State Council conducted awareness sessions for the employees of Meghdoot Gramodyog Sewa Sansthan an eminent SME of Lucknow engaged in production of Agro Products, at Bakshi ka Talab.

Exclusive interactive sessions were conducted for male and female workers of the company by Ms Manaorama Verma, Project Co-coordinator, CII HIV AIDS Helpline. The objective of the session was to mobilize & sensitize industry workforce towards the myths and misconceptions associated with HIV/AIDS epidemic. The session was well attended by 60 workers from the Sansthan.



Exclusive HIV/AIDS awareness sessions conducted at Meghdoot Gramodyog Sewa Sansthan

### ❑ **First DSCL Sugar CSR Conclave & HIV AIDS awareness sessions**

27 March, 2010 : Loni, District Hardoi

In an effort to reach out to its corporate partners, CII Uttar Pradesh State Office participated in DCM Shriram Consolidated Limited CSR Conclave at its Loni unit and contributed towards sensitizing business managers on Corporate Social Responsibility (CSR) issues.

The conclave was an effort to bring the CSR implementation teams from all DSCL's sugar manufacturing units along with their NGO partners on one platform and showcase their initiatives.

CII Uttar Pradesh State Office also conducted HIV/AIDS awareness sessions for the employees of DSCL Sugar with the objective to mobilize and sensitize industry workforce towards the myths and misconceptions associated with HIV/AIDS epidemic. The session was well attended by 50 workers from the DSCL Sugar.



Mr Anil Shukla at the CSR Conclave



HIV/AIDS awareness sessions in progress

## ❑ **Reaching out to Tier II cities of Uttar Pradesh**

March, 2010: Uttar Pradesh

CII Uttar Pradesh State Council in its endeavor to reach out to the tier-2 cities of Uttar Pradesh conducted visits Aligarh and Rampur districts in March 2010.

The objective of these visits was to conduct surveys and interact with the local industry stakeholders, government officials under the ambit of Geographical Indications project. CII Uttar Pradesh has taken project of registering traditional goods of Uttar Pradesh for which patch work of Rampur and Locks of Aligarh are identified.

The CII team was welcomed enormously by the local stakeholders and they thanked CII and Government of Uttar Pradesh for their initiative.

## ❑ **Conserving Climate : Tree Plantation drive**

31 March, 2010: CII Office, Lucknow

Mr Sumit Banerjee, Chairman CII Cement Industry Division and Managing Director ACC Ltd. During his visit to CII Uttar Pradesh State Office planted a sapling of Jamun & Ashok on 31 March 2010. He was in the city to attend the Seminar on Concrete Roads to be organised by CII UP State Council on 1 April 2010 at Hotel Taj Residency, Lucknow.



Mr Sumit Banerjee, Chairman CII Cement Industry Division planting the sapling along with Mr Anil Shukla, Head, CII UP State Office, Lucknow

## ■ **Technical Seminar on Concrete Roads: Focusing on City Roads, Rural Road & Technology**

1 April, 2010: Hotel Taj Residency, Lucknow

With the objective to sensitize the stakeholders for the adoption of new concrete road building technology, CII Uttar Pradesh State Council (CII UPSC) in association with the Government of Uttar Pradesh organized a Technical Seminar on Concrete Roads: Focusing on City Roads, Rural Roads & Technology at Hotel TAJ Residency in Lucknow. The seminar aimed to promote the use of concrete to build Urban Roads and Rural Roads.



Mr Jayant Krishna, Chairman, CII UP State Council addressing the conference

Mr Ravindra Singh, IAS, Principal Secretary - Public Works Department GoUP, Mr T Ram, Engineer-in-Chief (Development) and Head of Department, PWD, GoUP and Mr Deepak Kumar, Commissioner, Uttar Pradesh Housing Board,

gave the state government's perspective. While Mr Sumit Banerjee Chairman, Cement Industry Division, CII and Managing Director, ACC Limited presented the big picture of the road construction scenario across the world. The conference was well attended by over 300 delegates from the government and private alike.

## ❖ **World Health Day**

7 April, 2010: CII UPSO, Lucknow

To mark and celebrate the World Health Day, CII Uttar Pradesh State Office initiated a consultative discussion on Health Sector in the Uttar Pradesh on 7 April 2010 in Lucknow.

The objective behind the discussion was to mobilize and sensitize industry workforce and public alike towards the myths and misconceptions associated with Health issues and advocate with all concerned for a holistic approach and inter-sector collaboration to address health issues.

The session saw the participation of eminent medical practitioners, who gave valuable insights for the need of such deliberations. CII Uttar Pradesh State Council has moved a step ahead in its commitment towards showcasing Corporate Social Responsibility initiatives in the state.



Session in progress

## ■ Coolex - 2010

16 - 19 April, 2010: Hotel Clarks Awadh, Lucknow

COOLEX – 2010, an exposition on air conditioning and refrigeration in its 13th edition this year, was received very well by the citizens of Lucknow. Inaugurated by the Infrastructure and Industry Development Commissioner, Mr Anup Mishra, the four day exposition saw a footfall of over 15000 people.

Mr Mishra, in his inaugural speech advocated more such expositions in the state and called for investments in the state through Public Private Partnerships.



Mr Anup Mishra, Infrastructure and Industry Development Commissioner, GoUP inaugurating Coolex(Pic 1), People enjoying the exhibition (Pic 2)

CII's Coolex – 2010 was appreciated for showcasing its corporate social responsibility through dedicating appreciable space for the promotion of its HIV/AIDS Helpline. The stall saw significant footfall and counseling sessions were also conducted by Ms Manorama Verma, Project Co-ordinator, CII HIV/AIDS Helpline.



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### ■ **National Conference on Climate Change - Response & Action: Promoting the Carbon Market**

21 April, 2010: Hotel Taj Residency, Lucknow

With the objective to focus on areas of tremendous potential for industries existing in Clean Development Mechanism and discuss State Government's strategy to combat Climate Change, CII Uttar Pradesh State Council in association with Directorate of Environment, Government of Uttar Pradesh organized National Conference on Climate Change – Response & Action: Promoting the Carbon Market.

The Conference marked with the presence of Mr Nakul Dubey, Minister-Environment; Government of Uttar Pradesh, Mr Anil Kumar Misra, Chairman, UP Pollution Board, Ms Veena Upadhyaya, IAS, Director General, UP Academy of Administration & Management, Mr Alok Ranjan, Principal Secretary-Environment, Government of Uttar Pradesh, Mr C K Tiwari, Principal Secretary-Forests, Government of Uttar Pradesh, Dr Yashpal Singh, Director,

Environment Government of Uttar Pradesh, along with Mr Deepak Malik, Managing Director, Continental Carbon India Limited, Mr Rupak Dey, Dy. Chief Project Director, JAICA, Dr Sanjay Tomar, Senior Technical Expert, GTZ, Delhi, Dr Arabinda Mishra, Director, Climate Change, TERI, Mr Kiron Chopra, Past Chairman, CII UPSC, Arvind Sharma, Director, KPMG, Mr Umesh Srivastava, Aditya Birla Group, was very well attended by approximately 200 representatives from government officials, academicians, senior media representatives to industry alike.



Dr Yashpal Singh, Director, Environment Government of Uttar Pradesh, addressing the audience

## ■ **Roundtable Discussion on Health Issues**

21 April, 2010: Hotel Taj Residency, Lucknow

CII Uttar Pradesh State Council, moving a step ahead in its commitment towards showcasing corporate social responsibility initiatives organized a Roundtable Discussion with medical and social sector experts to mobilize and sensitize industry workforce and public alike towards the myths and misconceptions associated with health issues and advocate with all concerned for a holistic approach and inter-sector collaboration to address health issues.

The discussion saw the participation of 20 professionals from various sectors from the medical sector as well as social activists, including Brig P.S. Dhoot, Senior Haematologist and Stem cell expert, Mr R. Prasad, Joint Director, UP

Tourism, Mr Ramesh Menon, Programme Officer, UNDP Mainstreaming Unit UPSACS.



Roundtable Discussion with medical and social sector experts

### ■ **Interactive session with Key Bureaucrats**

26 April, 2010: Hotel Taj Residency, Lucknow

On his maiden visit to the city, newly elected Deputy Chairman, CII Northern Region, Mr Vijay K Thadani had an informal interaction with the senior officials of Uttar Pradesh Government.



Discussion with key bureaucrats og GoUP in progress

The state government was represented by Mr Atul Kumar Gupta, Chief Secretary, Government of Uttar Pradesh, Mr Anup Mishra, Infrastructure and Industry Development Commissioner (IIDC), Government of Uttar Pradesh, Ms Vrinda Sarup, Principal Secretary, Technical Education, Government of Uttar Pradesh, Mr Alok Ranjan, Principal Secretary, Environment, Government of Uttar Pradesh, Dr JN Chamber, Principal Secretary, SSI & Export Promotion, Government of Uttar Pradesh.

Mr Thadani leading the CII delegation was accompanied by Mr Kiron Chopra, Past Chairman, CII UP State Council, Mr Jayant Krishna, Chairman, CII UP State Council, and Mr VS Aggarwal, Director, Swarup Chemicals Ltd.

### ▪ **Members' Meet**

26 April, 2010: CII UPSO, Lucknow

Mr Vijay K Thadani, Deputy Chairman, CII Northern Region, interacted with the members on issues pertaining to education, employability, inclusivity and entrepreneurship for the development of the state. He briefed the members about his interaction with the officials of the Uttar Pradesh government, scheduled earlier in the day. Further, he also invited views from members on how CII can contribute towards aligning with the state's vision of sustainable development.



Members' Meet being addressed by CII Deputy Chairman (NR), Mr VK Thadani

## ■ CII CEO Session

28 April, 2010: Hotel Clarks Awadh, Lucknow

In its attempt to reach out and help share the expertise and vision of national and international business managers, the leaders of the corporate sectors, CII organised its first CEO Session at Hotel Clarks Avadh in Lucknow. celebrated Chief Executive Officer from Antal International Network, London, Mr Doug Bugie, was invited to share his opinions on the relevance of “Attracting, Nurturing and Retaining Talent” in context of business setups.

The talk saw the presence of senior bureaucrats of the Government of U.P, Mr Ashok Kumar, Principal Secretary, Khadi & Village Industries and Diry Development, Mr Avinish Awasthi, Director General, Toursim, Government of U.P, Mr Jayant Krishna, Chairman, Cii UP State Council, Mr Kiron Chopra, Past Chairman, CII UPSC, Prof Bharat Bhaskar, IIM Lucknow, along with key industrialists, senior technocrats, academicians and consultants of the city.

