

# Focus on industrial growth, UP minister tells three authorities

**WOONG INVESTORS** Mahana asks Noida, G Noida and YEIDA to bring about ease of doing business

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**NOIDA:** Industries minister Satish Mahana has directed the three industrial authorities — Noida, Greater Noida and Yamuna Expressway — to encourage industrialists and entrepreneurs to invest in their respective industrial schemes to boost the local economy and create jobs for youth.

Mahana's direction came at a meeting held in Lucknow on Wednesday.

Top officials, including Noida authority chief executive officer (CEO) Amit Mohan Prasad, Greater Noida authority CEO Debasish Panda and Yamuna Expressway authority CEO Arun Vir Singh were present in the meeting.

The heads of the authorities informed the minister about the land bank available in their respective areas.

Greater Noida has around 1,000 acres of industrial land, Noida has 500 hectares and the Yamuna Expressway industrial development authority (YEIDA) said it has earmarked 600 acres of agricultural land for industrial purpose.

"The minister asked us to ensure speedy clearances for industrial projects. The idea is that if anyone wants to invest here, the authorities must ensure that investors have ease of doing business," Panda said.

"We need to handhold and provide required assistance so that an entrepreneur can start business quickly without any inconvenience related to clearances, be it environmental, map sanction or any other approval," he said.

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decided to carve out small plots in Sector 155 for industrial use.

Apart from this, the authority will also come up with two more such sectors — 156 and 157 — both located along the Noida-Greater Noida Expressway.

"We will launch the industrial plot scheme in August-end. With this scheme, we want to encourage industrialists to invest here and create jobs," said Prasad.

After the Jewar airport project got the green signal from the Union civil aviation ministry, YEIDA hopes that demand for industrial schemes will increase.

"We have adequate land available along the Yamuna Expressway. If any corporate house wants the land, we can make it available," said Singh.

## Authority to develop a pharma hub along Yamuna Expressway

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**GREATER NOIDA:** Acting on chief minister Yogi Adityanath's instructions, the Yamuna Expressway Industrial development authority (YEIDA) has decided to carve out a dedicated sector to set up a pharmaceutical hub.

Officials said the pharma hub to be developed in Sector 33 is expected to create around 40,000 jobs, officials said.

The authority's chief executive officer Arun Vir Singh on Thursday held a meeting with town planning and other departments to discuss ways and means to develop Sector 33, located along the 165-km Yamuna Expressway that connects Greater Noida with Agra.

The authority had earmarked 100 acres of agricultural land for the project. The authority

already has 50 acres in its possession. It will purchase the remaining 50 acres from farmers very soon.

The land is located near Muradnagar village along the Yamuna E-way.

"Many pharmaceutical firms have evinced interest in setting up their units along the Yamuna Expressway. Now that we have carved out a dedicated sector, we will talk to them again and list all of them who want to set up units. Then we will develop facilities in this sector as per their requirement," said Singh.

"The rate for plot allotment and their size will be finalised later after discussing the requirement of the agencies," said the CEO.

The Bharatiya Janata Party had in its manifesto before the Uttar Pradesh assembly polls promised a medical hub.

"Pharmaceutical units are located mostly in south Indian states or in Baddi in Himachal because of the incentives and tax benefits they are offered there. We want to create a conducive environment wherein pharmaceutical companies can come here to set up units and manufacture their products," said the CEO.

The authority is ready to give them the required infrastructure to develop laboratories for their use.

"We will provide them required water and electricity supply. We want them to set up their base here because it will employ around 40,000 professionals and also help in providing cheap medicines," said another YEIDA official.

The YEIDA wants pharmaceutical companies to set up research and development centres along with their manufacturing units here.

## Man falls to death from high-rise

**GHAZIABAD:** A 26-year-old fell from the ninth floor of a high-rise in Indirapuram in mysterious circumstances on Wednesday night. He was rushed to a hospital where he was declared dead.

Police said the man, Ashish Gupta, had gone to meet his fiancé at her flat and fell from the balcony. Gupta worked with a media organisation in Noida and

was from Bharatpur in Rajasthan. On Wednesday night, he had gone to fiancé's flat at Nirala Eden Park at Ahimsa Khand in Indirapuram.

"He was walking on the balcony and slipped. He suffered injuries and was rushed to a hospital where he was declared dead. His family members arrived early Thursday but they did not

lodge any FIR," said SC Dubey, SHO, Indirapuram.

"His family was not in favour of the postmortem but we told them about the legal formality. The postmortem was conducted and the body was handed over to his family," he added.

Police are not probing the incident further as they have not received any complaint. **HTC**

## Over 300 builders register with new RERA website

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**NOIDA:** A day after chief minister Yogi Adityanath launched the real estate regulatory authority (RERA) website, officials at the Noida, Greater Noida and Yamuna Expressway authorities hoped homebuyers would come forward to file complaints at the portal and get issues resolved.

The Real Estate (regulation and development) Act, 2016, came into force on May 1 to protect homebuyers from unscrupulous developers.

Under the Act, all states have to set up a real estate regulatory authority, a website and hire officials for the timebound disposal of buyers' grievances.

The act makes it mandatory for builders to register with RERA before launching or even advertising a project. Uttar Pradesh has formed a website where builders can get their projects registered and buyers can file grievances. But the state is yet to hire officials and set up bodies at the district level to address issues relating to realty sector.

Before RERA came into effect, homebuyers had to visit offices of Noida, Greater Noida and Yamuna Expressway authorities to file a complaint or get the attention of government officials towards their problems.

"Now they have the option to file complaints at the RERA website, so obviously they will not have to visit our office. But, which (old and new) realty projects will come in its ambit will be clear when the state government notifies the revised RERA rules," said Santosh Kumar, officer on special duty for group

housing, Noida authority. Around 1,000 complaints related to homebuyers are pending in the Noida authority.

"The UP government has started the website but is yet to hire officials at the district and state level to address complaints. I do not understand how complaints will be resolved if the body is not in place," said Rajesh Purohit, a homebuyer.

Greater Noida and Yamuna Expressway officials, who were yet to solve buyers' issues, hoped they would not be disturbed with complaints anymore.

"Now buyers will file complaints on the website. The builders will also launch projects after registering at the site," said Debasish Panda, chief executive officer of the Greater Noida authority.

Officials in the housing and urban planning department, which is handling the website, said over one lakh people visited it till 7pm on Thursday.

So far, 300 builders and 80 realty projects have been registered on the website, www.up-rera.in, said an official of the UP housing department. "So far, 40 complaints have been registered from across the state. Thirty-nine builders have registered their projects from Noida and Greater Noida. The website has received 19 complaints from Lucknow, 12 from Ghaziabad, 3 from Meerut, 1 each from Mathura and Allahabad," said Mukul Singhal, principal secretary, UP housing and urban planning department.

Some buyers' complained that the website is not up to the mark, unlike in Maharashtra and Madhya Pradesh.

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## Nearly 4.7 lakh die of head and neck cancer each year in India, say experts

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**NOIDA:** Around 6.52 people die every year of head and neck cancer across the globe and 4.70 lakh of them are from India, said Dr. Ravi Mehrotra, director of National Institute of Cancer Prevention and Research (NICPR), Noida.

Speaking on the occasion of World Head and Neck Cancer Day on Thursday, he said people in India were falling prey to oral cancer because of smokeless tobacco and there was an urgent need to spread awareness.

Mehrotra, who has been organising regular discussions and seminars on the prevention of cancer in India, said, "About 80% of head and neck cancer is due to the use of alcohol or tobacco. In India, more than 50% oral and neck cancer is caused by smokeless tobacco. Even the younger generation's rate of using smokeless tobacco is also increasing, which can be fatal if not controlled in time."

He said head and neck cancer cancers usually begin in the squamous cells that line the moist, mucosal surfaces inside the mouth, nose and throat. "In 2015,



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head and neck cancers globally affected more than 5.5 million people. These cancers are more than twice as common among men," said Mehrotra.

The Head of Centre for Dental Education (AIIMS), Dr OP Kharbanda, said some symptoms should be taken seriously and not avoided. "If an ulcer does not heal within two to three days, one should consult a doctor for treat-

ment. It may lead to oral cancer."

He said another symptom of head and neck cancer is a lump or a sore throat that does not heal. It is the most common symptom, he added.

Clinical psychologist at NICPR, Dr MA Khan, said people who are dependent on tobacco and alcohol need counselling and support to kick the habit. A medical checkup camp was

organised and the oral hygiene of people was checked.

As many as 165 people were examined by the doctors, who had come from the Centre for Dental Education of All India Institute of Medical Sciences (AIIMS). Of the 165 people, the oral hygiene of 45 was found to be alarming after which they were told to go through regular check-ups at NICPR.

## 1 more held for robbing collection agent of ₹16L in Greater Noida

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**GREATER NOIDA:** The Gautam Budh Nagar police on Wednesday arrested a fourth suspect in connection with the ₹16-lakh robbery of a collection agent in Swarn Nagri last week.

The suspect, identified as Kulvendra alias Pinky, a resident of Hapur, had a bounty of ₹5,000 on his arrest.

The police got a tip-off about Kulvendra's movement and laid a trap. They arrested him from the NRI cut around 7.30pm on Wednesday.

On July 17, Anuj Bhati, a resident of village Sikanderabad in Greater Noida who works as a collection agent with a company, was robbed of ₹16 lakh.

After collecting cash from a customer in Swarn Nagri, Bhati

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was on way to Pari Chowk when the robbers attacked him around 4 pm.

Three of Kulvendra's partners -- Dinesh, Prashant and Kapil -- were arrested on July 21 while the fifth accused, Sonu, is still at large.

Police recovered ₹50,000 and a mobile from Kulvendra. From the previous arrests, police recovered ₹4.20 lakh.

## Teacher accuses college principal of 'mental' torture

**NOIDA:** A mathematics teacher from Mahamaya Baiika Inter College has lodged a police complaint against the principal of the institute for harassment.

A complaint was registered with the Sector 39 police station on Wednesday. The teacher has alleged that the principal has been harassing her by interfering with her work.

The woman also alleged that the principal has been "spying on her personal life which has caused her mental trauma".

"She has alleged that there have been wrong entries in the attendance register to make it look like "wrong persons" have been visiting her. We are probing the matter to verify her claims. She lives on the college compound," said Abhinandan, Circle Officer, Noida City-1. **HTC**

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