

Background

City-regions in India house the highest concentrations of people and jobs and are the dominant contributors to national GDP. Ensuring that they become regional and global gateways for investment requires them to be highly connected, anchoring regional economies, preparing economic development strategies, investing in future smart clusters and innovation districts, and receiving policy support to be competitive. At the same time, city-regions must plan to be resilient towards increasing climate change impacts such as floods, droughts, heat stress and poor air quality, which directly impacts GDP, jobs, housing, food, health, and wellbeing for all.

The Housing and Urban Planning Department (HUPD), Government of Uttar Pradesh in collaboration with High Level Committee (HLC) formed by Government of India (GOI) for Urban Planning is organising the 'Uttar Pradesh Regional Planning Conclave 2023' to bring together city officials, stake holders, and experts to deliberate on the process of regional planning in the State. Discussions will focus on the unique potential and opportunities for the broad economic geography divisions; share global and national best practices in regional planning; and enable knowledge sharing and strategic thinking. The process of regional planning has already been initiated for the delineated Uttar Pradesh State Capital Region (UPSCR).

The following Divisions will be focussed onto improve their Economic Geography through Regional Planning:

- **UPSCR:** Comprising districts of Lucknow, Kanpur Nagar, Kanpur Dehat, Unnao, Raibareli, Barabanki, Sitapur, Hardoi
- **Meerut Division:** Comprising districts of Meerut, Ghaziabad, Gautam Buddh Nagar, Bagpat, Bulandshahr, Hapur
- **Agra Division:** Comprising districts of Agra, Firozabad, Mainpuri, Mathura
- **Varanasi Division:** Comprising districts of Agra Varanasi, Chandauli, Jaunpur, Ghazipur
- **Gorakhpur Division:** Comprising districts of Gorakhpur, Deoria, Maharajganj, Kushinagar
- **Bareilly Division:** Comprising districts of Bareilly, Budaun, Pilibhit, Shahjahanpur
- **Jhansi Division:** Comprising districts of Jhansi, Jalaun and Lalitpur

Uttar Pradesh has set a target of becoming a \$1-trillion economy in this decade, and Regional Planning efforts must hence set an integrated framework to realise economic, environmental, social, and spatial goals for the State's regions.

Uttar Pradesh Regional Planning Conclave 2023

Venue: Taj Hotel, Gomti Nagar, Lucknow
Date: 26th and 27th May 2023 (Friday and Saturday)

Day-1 : Agenda (26th of May 2023)

Uttar Pradesh Regional Planning Conclave 2023	
Day 1: Understanding Uttar Pradesh's Regions to Enhance their Economic Geography	
0930 – 1000 hrs	REGISTRATION
1000 – 1130 hrs	Opening Plenary: 2047 Vision to enhance the Economic Geography of Uttar Pradesh's City Regions
1000 – 1010 hrs	Welcome by Shri Nitin Ramesh Gokarn, Additional Chief Secretary, Housing and Urban Planning, Govt. of Uttar Pradesh
1010 – 1020 hrs	Overview by Shri Keshav Varma, Chairman, HLC – MoHUA and Advisor, Govt of Uttar Pradesh for Urban Sector Improvement
1020 – 1120 hrs	Plenary session address by panelists on 2047 Vision for Uttar Pradesh's City-regions: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Shri Durga Shankar Mishra, Chief Secretary, Government of Uttar Pradesh (<i>Chief Guest</i>) Shri Keshav Varma, Chairman, High Level Committee - MoHUA/Advisor, Govt of Uttar Pradesh for urban sector improvement Shri Manoj Singh, Additional Chief Secretary, Panchayati Raj and Infrastructure and Industrial Development Commissioner Shri Manoj Joshi, Secretary, Ministry of Housing and Urban Affairs, Gol Shri Nitin Ramesh Gokarn, Additional Chief Secretary, Housing and Urban Planning, Govt. of Uttar Pradesh Shri Alok Kumar, Principal Secretary, Planning, Govt. of Uttar Pradesh Ms. D Thara, Additional Secretary, Ministry of Housing and Urban Affairs Shri Amrit Abhijat, Principal Secretary, Urban Development, Urban Employment and Poverty Alleviation, Govt. of Uttar Pradesh
1120 – 1130 hrs	TEA
1130 – 1450 hrs	Technical Session 1: Presentations on Key Divisional Regions of Uttar Pradesh
1130 – 1150 hrs	Presentation on UPSCR by Lucknow Divisional Commissioner
1150 – 1210 hrs	Presentation by Meerut Divisional Commissioner
1210 – 1230 hrs	Presentation by Agra Divisional Commissioner
1230 – 1250 hrs	Presentation by Varanasi Divisional Commissioner
1250 – 1310hrs	Presentation by Gorakhpur Divisional Commissioner
1310 – 1330 hrs	Presentation by Bareilly Divisional Commissioner
1330 – 1350 hrs	Presentation by Jhansi Divisional Commissioner
1350 – 1450 hrs	LUNCH
1450 – 1640 hrs	Technical Session 2: City - Region Learnings Presentation
1450 – 1510 hrs	Uttar Pradesh State Overview and Learnings from International Regional Plans by WRI India
1510 – 1530 hrs	Learnings from the Mumbai Metropolitan Region
1530 – 1550 hrs	Learnings from the Pune Metropolitan Region
1550 – 1610 hrs	Learnings from the Bangalore Metropolitan Region
1610 – 1630 hrs	Learnings from the Asian Development Bank
1630 – 1640 hrs	TEA
1640 – 1800 hrs	Technical Session 3a: Deliberation on Strategies to Advance Uttar Pradesh's Economic Geography through Regional Planning
1640 – 1710 hrs	Presentation: Findings from Uttar Pradesh's district wise study and Strategies being proposed under the One Trillion Dollar Economy Mission, by Team Deloitte

1710 – 1825 hrs	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Deliberation with divisional officers and invited experts on: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Emerging thematic priorities from Divisional Commissioner's presentations and from the One Trillion Dollar Economy Mission Core issues identification and strategies for their resolution Framing a Regional Planning response to advance the Economic Geography of the Divisional Regions Session chaired by Shri Keshav Varma, Chairman, HLC, and co-moderated by HLC Committee Members Prof. Saswat Bandyopadhyay and Ms. Rejeet Mathews
1825 – 1835 hrs	Vote of Thanks and Closing Remarks by Secretary, Housing and Urban Planning Department, Govt. of UP
2000 hrs Onwards	Dinner

Day-2 : Agenda (27th of May 2023)

Uttar Pradesh Regional Planning Conclave 2023	
Day 2: Way Forward and Scoping Regional Planning in Uttar Pradesh	
1000 - 1030 hrs	Assembly
1030 - 1125hrs	Opening Plenary: Regional Planning Summary and Reflections of Day 1
1030 - 1045hrs	Summarizing Day 1 by Shri Keshav Varma, Chairman, HLC – MoHUA and Advisor Govt. of Uttar Pradesh for Urban Sector Improvement
1045 - 1115hrs	Reflections by officers and invited experts on Day 1 proceedings
1115 – 1125 hrs	TEA
1125 - 1340 hrs	Technical Session 3b (cont'd): Way Forward and Scoping Regional Planning in Uttar Pradesh
1125– 1325hrs	Deliberative session (cont'd) with divisional officers and invited experts on: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Broad statutory and strategic scope of work for regional planning across sectors to realise economic, environmental, social, and spatial goals for the State's regions Instituting processes and frameworks to take Regional Planning forward Key region's commitments to initiate Regional Planning efforts to enhance economic geographies <p>Session chaired by Shri Keshav Varma Chairman, HLC, and co-moderated by HLC Committee Members Prof. Saswat Bandyopadhyay and Ms. Rejeet Mathews</p>
1325 – 1340 hrs	Vote of Thanks and Closing Remarks by Chief Town Planner, TCPD, Govt. of UP
1340 hrs onwards	LUNCH
1500 – 1700 hrs	HLC Meeting
1700 – 1710 hrs	TEA
2000 hrs onwards	Dinner