



Govt. of Uttaranchal

Haridwar's portal launched Chief Minister meets Bill Gates

Chief Minister Mr. Narayan Datt Tiwari and Mr. Bill Gates, founder President of Microsoft Corporation, jointly, launched Haridwar's portal, on December 7, 2005, at New Delhi.



Chief Minister Mr. Narayan Datt Tiwari informed Mr. Bill Gates about the progress in IT sector in Uttaranchal. Mr. Bill Gates appreciated steps taken by the state government in improving the IT

scenario in the state and hoped that the state

would soon emerge as another IT hub.

CM inaugurates Mahindra's auto plant



Chief Minister Mr. Narayan Datt Tiwari inaugurated Mahindra & Mahindra's plant in the Haridwar Industrial Estate for producing three-wheelers, on Dec. 8th, 2005. Speaking on

the occasion, the Chief Minister said that Mahindra's plant will promote engineering skills, industrial culture, fruitful engagement of manpower, direct and indirect employment, work ethics

and prosperity in the region. The company's fifth full-scale automotive Haridwar's plant is set up primarily for manufacture of three wheelers of different load capacities and range. (Contd. Pg 2)

Bill Gates appreciates progress in Uttaranchal's IT sector

Mr Bill Gates, owner of Microsoft has assured of extending wholehearted support to Uttaranchal in the field of information technology. He acknowledged possibilities in the state IT sector and appreciated that the state government was making endeavors to secure its position in the field of Information Technology.

Project Taleem inaugurated



Chief Secretary, Mr. M Ramachandran, inaugurated Project Taleem, at Microsoft Academy.

Speaking on the occasion he said that traditional knowledge must be blended by modern skills, for development.

CM inaugurates ...

On the occasion of the opening ceremony, **Mr. Anand Mahindra, M&M Vice-Chairman and Managing Director**, said that we are looking at a three-fold strategy here.

Primarily, the plant is intended to give a fillip to our three-wheeler business. Two, Uttaranchal offers attractive benefits in terms of quick clearances, efficient state machinery and skilled work force, he said.

Mr. Mahindra said that Uttaranchal is a young but fast-growing state with a progressive Chief Minister and a forward thinking bureaucracy.

This plant and our tractor operations in **Rudrapur** will add momentum to the industrial growth of the state. Finally, the plant is in line with our efforts to continuously update our capacities to fuel Mahindra's growth, he added.

Dr. Pawan Goenka, President of M&M's Automotive Sector, said that Mahindra & Mahindra has a very large presence in the north and north-western regions of the country. It, therefore, makes good business sense to set up a plant at Haridwar.

We are looking at producing 50,000 units per year once the plant reaches full capacity to cater to the demand from the region. We would also develop a strong vendor base around the plant in Haridwar, he added.

He said that investments have been carefully controlled to economize on the cost of manufacture. Substantial outsourcing has been envisaged with a view to control cost, promote effective supply chain, reduce overheads and simplify operation, without trading off on quality and reliability.

Uttaranchal was selected as the preferred destination because of the state's impetus for growth of the industry, single window service by **State Industrial Development Corporation of Uttaranchal Ltd. (SIDCUL)**, nearness to the thriving three-wheeler market in north India, efficient state machinery and the incentives offered by the government to industry.

- ***Haridwar plant is M&M's fifth full-scale automotive plant after Kandivali, Nashik, Igatpuri and Zaheerabad.***
- ***Initial capacity will be 30,000 three-wheelers, which will be ramped up to 50,000 in the future.***
- ***The choice of products is made in consonance with the market in the region, availability of skills and vendor base.***

The government has also put Integrated Industrial Estate of Haridwar into an accelerated development mode.

Neel Metal Product Ltd., a subsidiary company of **Jay Bharat Maruti Ltd.**, has created an exclusive setup for Mahindra & Mahindra Ltd. to supply cabs, cargo bodies and other sub-assemblies/aggregates.

Neel Metal will operate from the same industrial complex as the Mahindra plant.

It will have a modern body shop with facilities of painting with sophisticated primer coating using Cathodic Electro

Dip (CED) technology and robust top coat line. Other aggregates / components will be supplied by vendors from in and around Uttaranchal.

Dr. Goenka added that M&M is looking to quickly improve competitiveness of its products by simplification of operations, reduced logistics and handling and efficient/effective supply chain management.

Mahindra & Mahindra

The US \$ 2.59 billion Mahindra Group is the market leader in multi-utility vehicles and tractors in India.

With around 60 years of manufacturing experience, the Mahindra group has built a strong base in technology, engineering, marketing and distribution.

M&M employs around 11,500 people and has six state-of-the-art manufacturing facilities spread over 500,000 square meters.

It also has a significant presence in key sectors of the Indian economy. These include trade and financial services (**Mahindra Intertrade, Mahindra & Mahindra Financial Services Ltd.**), automotive components, information technology & telecom (**Mahindra British Telecom, Bristlecone**), and infrastructure development (**Mahindra GESCO, Mahindra Holidays & Resorts India Ltd.**).

M&M is celebrating its 60th anniversary in 2005. It has dedicated 1% of its PAT for CSR.

Courtesy: Ms. Roma Balwani, GM - Head, Corporate Communications, Mahindra & Mahindra Ltd.

Daily two flights on the anvil

Air Deccan completes one year in Dehradun-Delhi sector

It was on the **23rd December 2004** that the **Air Deccan's** inaugural flight was inaugurated by **Chief Minister Mr. Narayan Datt Tiwari** on a foggy afternoon. Technically the regular flight commenced from December 14, 2004. Since then, in a year's time Air Deccan has transported more than 86% passengers, out of its full ATR capacity.

It was through the proactiveness of the **Uttaranchal** Government that the Air Deccan commenced its flight within a record time frame. The airline is on the verge of operating two flights in a day.

According to **Captain G R Gopinath, Chairman and Managing Director's** message, he said that our mission is to keep our fares low and keep lowering them with time. To achieve this, we have eliminated standard airline frills like on-board catering, business lounges, upper class seats and other promotional services. Infact, we take pride in calling ourselves 'the Udipi Hotel of the airline industry'.

The costs saved are being passed on directly to customers in the form of low fares. We assure you that our low fares come with high standards of flight safety - we have very stringent safety regulations in place, approved by the regulatory authorities, to ensure a safe flight for you, he added.

Deccan Aviation Private Limited has carved a niche for itself in the Indian aviation scene with its reputation for providing speedy and reliable heli-services for company charters, tourism, medical evacuation, off-shore logistics and a host of other services, says **Ms. Aradhana Gaur, Senior Manager, Business Development, Air Deccan, North India.**

The company has a modern fleet of ATRs which have become a reference

aircraft amongst airlines around the world, by offering a safe, easy to maintain and comfortable aircraft operating on the regional market with the best economics on short haul sectors, she said.



Says **Mr. Pankaj Shah of Global Passages, the official agents in Uttaranchal for Air Deccan:** "People had doubts when the

task within few hours and come back same day, he added.

Air Deccan: Privileged for many firsts

- *Air Deccan is the first airline in the country to provide e-ticketing facility to its customers.*
- *Its ticket on any route is just a phone call away or just a click away.*
- *Easy payment procedures further 'simplify' the process.*

flight commenced weather it will be successful in Dehradun-Delhi sector. A year's operation has proved that we were not wrong in our survey. Our statistics speaks of our success."

The timings have changed for the winters till March 31, 2006 as the flight departs from Delhi to Dehradun at 10:55 am to reach by 11:45 am daily, and from Dehradun at 12:10 pm to reach Delhi by 13:00 pm.

Soon there will be two flights in a day, daily, to ease the rush, and also to facilitate those who want to finish their

At Air Deccan, India's first Low cost carrier, the endeavour is to bring flying within the reach of 100 crore Indians.

Today the company has more than 75 successful flights across 46 destinations

every day and is expanding its network with depth and breadth to provide improved air connectivity to the nation, the highest in the country by any domestic airline.

To accommodate the expansion plans Air Deccan is constantly on the look out for young individuals, who are passionate, bright and brimming with ideas to join the organization and be part of its Vision - 'empower every Indian to fly'. Air Deccan has employed 24 local youth in commercial and security for its flight operations in Dehradun airport, says **Mr. Laxman Choudhary, the security supervisor** and a Doonite.

The state-of-the-art park in Dehradun will be spread over 12 acres **Compact Disc to set up Rs 500 cr knowledge park**

Chandigarh-based **Compact Disc India Ltd** is going to set up a **multimedia knowledge park** in Uttarakhand with an investment of Rs 500 crore. The company has floated a fully-owned subsidiary called **Laser Infomedia Ltd.** to implement the project. **Jurong Consultants (India) Pvt. Ltd.**, a member of **Singapore's JTC Corporation** has been appointed as Project Managers for the Multimedia Knowledge Park.

The state-of-the-art knowledge park complex in Dehra Dun will be spread over 12 acres and will have ready-to-move built-up spaces, a shopping plaza, apartment suites, residential apartments, and multi-level parking, besides an animation studio and an educational institution of world standards.

It will be made available to organizations globally in the field of information technology, multimedia production, electronics, computer robotics and allied business.

Chairman of Compact Disc India Mr. Suresh Kumar said, "We are going to start construction in January and will go ahead with all the projects simultaneously." He said the park would generate 15,000 jobs, besides employing many more people indirectly.

"We have received five proposals from potential investors and international organizations willing to invest in the knowledge park," said Kumar.

Elaborating on his plans for the knowledge park, Kumar said the animation studio, covering an area of 80,000 square feet, would serve as a practical lab which "we can lease or use the facil-

ity to develop and create 2D/3D animation, multimedia effects for films, gaming and mobiles". "Also, we have tied up with a Canadian Institute (one of the top five in Canada) which will give multimedia animation degrees for undergraduate and post-graduate students. Classes will commence from July next year with 60 students," said Kumar.

Initially, the faculty will come from Canada and the tie-up and registrations for the degrees, to be awarded by **Uttarakhand University** and the **All Indian Council of the Technical Institute**, are in the works.

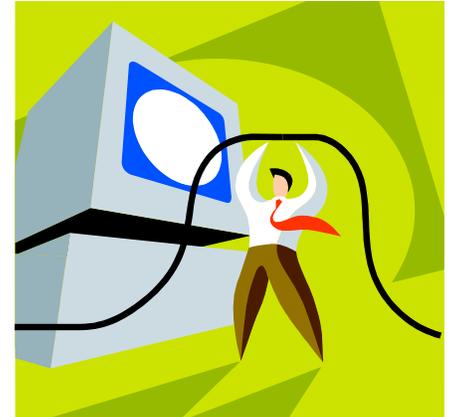
IT Calling

- *The park will have ready-to-move spaces, a shopping plaza, apartment suites, residential apartments, multi-level parking .*
- *Its 80,000 sq feet animation studio will be leased and also used to create 2D/3D multimedia effects for films and mobiles.*
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The company's studio would feature latest animation production equipment such as workstations from manufacturers like **SGI** and **Compaq** and solution providers like **Alias/Wave front**, **Discreet logic**, **Cambridge animation**.

"We will incorporate facilities which are presently not available in the country like the motion capture camera, virtual reality service, blue screen service, rendering service," said Kumar.

Forty five thousand square feet area has been earmarked for multilevel parking with a capacity of 4,000-5,000 cars. The **Uttarakhand Government** has allotted 4 acres for land near the Multimedia Knowledge Park for resi-



dential accommodation of the employees. From entertainment, media production, distribution, and financing movies, Compact Disc India has diversified into multimedia and animation in 2003. The company did an annual turnover of Rs 60 crore in 2004-05 and is targeting touching a turnover of Rs 75 crore in this financial year. "Once the project gets going we should touch Rs 300 crore by 2006-07," said Kumar.

With over 30 years of experience, Jurong has successfully completed hundreds of projects in more than 100 cities in 27 different countries, including prestigious projects in India such as the Mumbai integrated SEZ, the Mahindra Industrial Park at Chennai, the IT Corridor in Bangalore, I-Labs in Hyderabad, the International Tech Park in Bangalore, the Pharma City in Vishakhapatnam, K. Raheja IT Park in Pune.

Jurong along with the company has already given presentation of the project to the Uttarakhand Government, Compact Discs said.

Courtesy: **Business Standard**

Anmol plans biscuit unit in Uttarakhand

Anmol Bakers Pvt Ltd, manufacturers of the Anmol brand of biscuits, is planning to set up a production facility in **Uttarakhand** and is also eyeing units in Kanpur and Lucknow.

"The company has applied for a 5-acre plot in the **Rudrapur industrial area** in Uttarakhand. We plan to invest Rs 8 crore in the proposed facility to produce 1,000 tonnes of biscuit per month," said **Mr. Gobind Ram Choudhary, managing director of Anmol Bakers Pvt Ltd**.

Anmol products, he said were available and being liked in most of the northern market. The company, which clocked Rs 160 crore turnover in 2004-05, is targeting Rs 250 crore topline in 2005-06.

Remarking that the Rs 6,500 crore biscuit market is growing at a rate of 10-12 per cent, he said all major bakers are in the process of expansion to meet the increasing demand. The unorgan-

ized sector accounted for Rs 2,000 crore market, he added.

Attributing the growth in demand to urbanization, rise of nucleus families and changing lifestyle of the middle class, he said "such is the demand that most biscuits are getting sold at the production facility itself."

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According to industry sources, among northern states consumption in Delhi and Uttarakhand was Re 1 per person per month and in other state 40 paise per person per month. Re 1 per person per month is considered fair in the developing nations with strong food traditions.

As most of the produce is consumed in the domestic market itself, hardly any biscuit is exported. The import, according to him is also negligible because of local taste and preferences.

Though Kraft, the British biscuit maker which was global leader in the sector, had conducted a study of Indian market, foreign companies were not expected to enter India because of the "highly localized taste, preferences and customer loyalty," he said.

According to Choudhary, while Britannia and Parle were leaders with both accounting for Rs 1,600 crore market each, Anmol Bakers was the fifth largest player after PriyaGold and ITC (Rs 300 crore each). Another major player in the arena is Crimica at Rs 100 crore market.

Courtesy: Business Standard

Tehri to get 7 hydro power projects

Tehri Hydro Development Corporation Ltd (THDC) will start seven new projects at an estimated cost of Rs. 5,766 crore, which will have a generation capacity of more than 1,000 Mw, over the next seven years. The company has signed an agreement for implementing six projects with capacity of 695 Mw with the **Uttarakhand Government**.

The tariff for the generated power of the new six projects will be Rs. 2 per unit and will be completed by 2012 at a cost of Rs 3,500 crore, **Mr. R K Sharma, Chairman and Managing Director, THDC**. The Uttarakhand government has allotted the hydro projects of **Karmoli (140 Mw), Jadhga-**

naga (50 Mw), Gohana Tal (60 Mw), Malari Jhelam (55 Mw), Jelam Tamak (55Mw) and Bokang Bailing (330 Mw) to THDC for development.

Outlining the plans for the next decade, Sharma said the company expected to achieve an installed capacity of 4,135 Mw by 2015. The hydro player is also contemplating vying for projects out of Uttarakhand but ruled out any overseas project bidding. THDC has also been asked to prepare a detailed project report (DPR) on **Vishnugad- Pipalkoti** hydroelectric project. The project has an estimated cost of Rs 2,266.87 crore and will have a capacity generation of 440 MW. It is scheduled to be completed by March 2011. THDC also

plans to construct a 1,000 MW pump storage plant (PSP) that will pump up water using the off-peak surplus energy from the **Koteshwar dam** to the **Tehri dam**.

The project will cost Rs 1,799.67 crore has been cleared by Public Investment Board and will be put before cabinet soon. While 30 per cent of the funding for the project will come as budgetary support and the rest will be in form of commercial loans with the Power Finance Corporation (PFC) being the main lender. Construction on the Koteshwar project (4X100 MW) is under way and the project will be commissioned in March 2008 at a completion cost of Rs 1,565 crore.

Bamboo: Uttaranchal benefits

Flowering of bamboo in abundance this year has turned into a boon for Uttaranchal. The state has already entered into an agreement with North-Eastern Hill Council for supply of 2,500 metric tonne of bamboo at half the market price.

“We would be able to buy bamboo at Rs 5 to 6 per kg as compared to the market value of Rs 12 per kg,” **Mr. Govind Singh Kunjwal, Uttaranchal Horticulture Minister** said.

The bamboo would be used to make

plywood, bamboo fabric and charcoal by Eland, a Thailand-based company at Ramnagar.

“We would like to avail of the opportunity to motivate Uttaranchal farmers to grow bamboo and emulate China,” **Mr. STS Lepcha, CEO, Uttaranchal Bamboo and Fibre Board** said.

Bamboo has been one of the priority areas in Uttaranchal. The state has entered into more than 300 private-public partnerships to grow bamboo on 1.5 lakh hectare of land.

The state government had also signed a Memorandum of Understanding (MoU) with Eland, which would invest Rs 265 crore to promote bamboo and set up a factory at Ramnagar in the Kumoan region, sources said.

The firm would provide plantation material to village panchayats and motivate people to grow bamboo.

Mr. Lepcha said the keenness of Uttaranchal on promoting bamboo prompted the North-east Hill Council to offer bamboo cheaper.

GIS based handicrafts site

<http://indianhandicrafts.org.in> is an online **Geographical Information System (GIS)** based information repository and shopping/Bidding place for **Indian Handicraft** products.

The application developed under the said project consists of detail information about different crafts, artisans and craft clusters etc. The user can query the database to fetch the results as tables, or as maps or as a combination of both. Business area of portal allows visitors to shop or Bid on products displayed by gallery owners.

The identified stakeholders, who can apply for owning a Craft Gallery at handicraft portal are: any individual who is artisan, manufacturer, exporter, buyer, trader or designer; any group who identifies themselves as SHG, NGO, Cooperative Society, Trust, Federation; not formally formed group, or any loosely defined organizational structure that stands for the business interests of above mentioned individuals.

The target audience of this Information & Business system can be classified as:

GENERAL AUDIENCE (Information Only):

This section of audience will use the application to know about the various handicraft industries of the country, their location, their outlets, their size in terms of capital, the socio-economic distribution in the various categories of handicraft industries etc.

GENERAL AUDIENCE (Business):

This section of audience will use the application like shopping cart to buy from Craft Gallery and visit buyer Seller meet section to Bid on items displayed in Bid Area by gallery owners.

BUYERS:

This application will also provide buyers with information about different products, its prices, different sales outlet and hence help them in transactions in due course of time. This will bridge the gap between buyer and manufacturers.

ENTERPRISES / ENTREPRENEURS:

These group of users will use the application to know the availability of skill, capital and infrastructure in an area so that the scale at which investment should be made can be assessed.

REGULATORY AUTHORITIES:

This section comprises mainly the monitoring authorities like ministry, planning commission and related organizations. They can use this application to study the growth of the industry across the country in terms of its spread, the involved economy and can lay guidelines for further development of the same or related infrastructures.

ACADEMICIANS:

This category of clients can use the data for various socio-economic surveys and can add to the knowledge of craftsmen various new technologies for processing etc., more over the surveys can also supplement the work of the regulatory authorities.

MoU signed between Uttaranchal & Himachal Pradesh

With a view to entering into an economic and institutional collaboration in a number of areas of mutual interest, a Memorandum of Understanding was signed between the **Chief Secretary of Uttaranchal, Mr. M. Ramchandran** and **Chief Secretary of Himachal Pradesh, Mr. S. S. Parmar** in the presence **Chief Minister, Mr. Narayan Datt Tiwari** at Secretariat, on December 17, 2005.

Speaking on the occasion, Chief Minister said that both **Uttaranchal** and **Himachal States** had same geographical conditions and could cooperate each other in the development works.

For this purpose, he maintained, a committee of Chief Secretaries of both the states had been constituted today by mutual consent.

The committee was entrusted with the task of jointly exploring the areas of mutual interest, facilitate and convene meetings of related departments at Shimla or Dehradun, he said adding that it would in long run help the primary producers and value adders of the states to improve their livelihood opportunities and sustainability.

Mr. Tiwari said that he had invited Forest and Environment Ministers and senior officers of Himalayan states in October, 2004 to highlight and discuss the problems confronting these states in the area of environment.

A North Western Hill Council needed to be set up consisting of the three Hill states of Jammu and Kashmir, Himachal Pradesh and Uttaranchal to present a common agenda for supply chain interaction and market consolidation, he opined.

Chief Secretary Himachal Pradesh,



Mr. S. S. Parmar, while lauding the efforts of the Chief Minister of Uttaranchal for economic and institutional collaboration between both the states, said that experience of Himachal Pradesh and endeavour of Uttaranchal could together accelerate the pace of development in their respective states.

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On behalf of Himachal Government he assured that all out efforts would be made in the development of Uttaranchal.

Referring the MoU as ushering in of new era of development, **Chief Secretary Uttaranchal, Mr. M. Ramchandran** said that the committee constituted today would facilitate both the governments in drafting MoUs between departments and institutions in such a way that these MoUs were beneficial both to the participating states

and the people. To facilitate this arrangement, he said, both the states had declared their Planning Departments as Coordinating Departments and their Planning Secretaries as the Coordinating Officers, respectively.

Mr. Ramchandran said that the committee of Chief Secretaries would decide the working arrangement of and also work towards finalizing an omnibus MoU make this arrangement compliant to their respective Government Business Rules and other legal financial obligations.

He said that the committee would also facilitate exchange of experts between the two states on informal as well as formal basis to enrich the process of collaboration and cooperation towards drawing up on each other's core competence.

Principal Advisor Planning, Government of Himachal Pradesh; Principal Secretary and FRD Commissioner, Mrs. Vibha Puri Das; Secretary Energy, Mr. N. Ravi Shanker; Divisional Commissioner Garhwal, Mr. Subhash Kumar; Divisional Commissioner Kumaun, Mr. Rakesh Kumar; CMD Hydel Power, Mr. AV Giri and other senior officers were present on the occasion.

IIE Haridwar: 31 Industries start commercial production



1. M/s Hindustan Lever Ltd.
2. M/s Herbal Concept Health Care
3. M/s Shreeji Propack Pvt Ltd.
4. M/s Lotus Beauty Care Pvt. Ltd.
5. M/s Shreeji Packaging & Logistics Serv.
6. M/s Gulshan Lamee Pack P. Ltd.
7. M/s Pioneer International
8. M/s Saharsh Associates
9. M/s Sharda Motors Indus. Ltd.
10. M/s Cello House ware
11. M/s Rajshree Up top Foot ware
12. M/s Sharda Exports
13. M/s Northern Beverages

14. Twenty First Century Printers Ltd.
15. M/s Devine formulation
16. M/s Akum Drugs & Pharma Ltd.
17. M/s Arogya Formulation
18. M/s Affine Steels P. Ltd.
19. M/s Accurate transformer Ltd.
20. M/s Kumar Industries
21. M/s Anchor Electronics & Electricals
22. M/s Control And Switch Gears
23. M/s S.S. Light Industries P. Ltd.
24. M/s Indolight Indts. (P) Ltd.
25. M/s Alps Industries
26. Modern Instruments Pvt Ltd.
27. KTC Pvt. Ltd.
28. British Scaffolding India Ltd.
29. Daulat Ram Industries
30. Mallcom India Ltd.
31. Kwality Polythreads Pvt. Ltd.

Status: IIE Haridwar

1. Total Area of IIE-Haridwar: 1468 Acres (App.)
2. Area to be developed in 1st Phase: 884 Acres (App.)
3. Area to be developed in IInd Phase: 150 Acres (App.)
4. Total Plots: 773
5. Vacant Plots: 44 (allotment in process, bidding completed)
6. Proposed Investment: 2300 Cr. Approx.
7. Proposed Employment: 3400
8. Power Load Requirement: 70MW
9. No. Industries—
 - * Allotted: 507
 - * Given Possession: 260
 - * Started Construction Work: 173
 - * Started Commercial Prod.: 31

Transparent procedure of plots allotment

Mr. Ashish Sharma, DGM, IIE Haridwar, SIDCUL has informed that now as a unique and most transparent procedure of allotment, vacant plots of IIE Haridwar are being sold through bidding processing. The bids were opened on 22nd December and the bid price has gone as high as Rs. 2100 against the reserve price of Rs. 1000 per square meter.

Titan Industries Limited to set up manufacturing unit

Titan Industries Limited, jewellery division intends to start a new manufacturing set up at Dehradun.

According to **Mr. LR Natarajan, GM, ISCM, Titan Industries Limited**, jewellery division, in a letter, appreciated the efforts of **Mr. SC Chandola, Additional Director (Industries)** and his team of the **Industrial Development Department** for the guidance and cooperation extended to the company.

He said that the industry has been getting full cooperation to fulfill their plans to set up a manufacturing unit for its jewellery division in Dehradun.

IIE Pantnagar: 15 Industries start commercial production

1. M/s Dabur India Ltd.
2. M/s Britannia Industries Ltd.
3. M/s Parle Biscuits Pvt. Ltd.
4. M/s Radiant Polymers Pvt. Ltd.
5. M/s Sheel Chand Industries
6. M/s Bhaskar Energy Pvt. Ltd.
7. M/s Interarch Building Products Pvt. Ltd.
8. M/s Himalaya Machinery & Plastic Products
9. M/s Auto Ignition Ltd.
10. M/s Craftsmen
11. M/s Kores (India) Ltd.
12. M/s Intertec
13. M/s Sachi Plastics
14. M/s Corona Plus Industries Ltd.
15. M/s Radhu Products

Status: IIE Pantnagar

1. Total Area: 1351.82 Ha (3339.00 acre)

2. Area to be developed in Ist Phase: 337.22 Ha (832.94 acre)

3. Area available for allotment: 216.29 Ha (534.24 acre)

4. Number of Industries allotted plots: 312

5. Proposed investment in above Industries : 1412.488 Crore

6. Proposed employment in above Industries: 23998

7. Power load required for above Industries: 79935 KW

8. No. of Industries given possession: 115

9. No. of Industries which started Construction works: 53



10. No. of Industries which have started Commercial production: 15

The price of land the price of land at Pantnagar Integrated Industrial Estate have been revised and enhanced from Rs.560/- per square meter to Rs.700/ per square meter.

Setting up of a Business School in Pantnagar

An MOU has been signed between **Prof P V Lakshmipathy** and the **Government of Uttaranchal** for setting up a **Business School at Pantnagar** in **Uttaranchal**.

The promoters of the proposed business school have requested for land admeasuring 100 acres be allotted to them. The proposed Business School aims to be amongst the top '5' business schools in Asia over the next 5 years.

As per the plans of the promoters, this institution will run as an autonomous institution. It intends to provide a 1-year Post Graduate Diploma in Man-

agement and Leadership as its core program.

It intends to bring its strength to approximately 400 students in 5 years time. The school will be fully residential.

The Promoters have proposed that the Business School will be run as a section-25 company incorporated under the Indian Companies Act.

It will have various corporate houses as its shareholders along with private individual donors.



The estimated cost of project is Rs 71.0 crores of which about Rs 33.0 crores is earmarked for working capital and pre-operative expenses.

ADB lending to India will cross US\$2.5bn by 2008

The **Asian Development Bank (ADB)** plans to increase its lending to India to US\$2.65bn in 2008, according to a new Country Strategy and Program Update by the Philippines-based regional development agency. The level was US\$1.12bn in 2005.

"The program reflects the continuing priority of upgrading infrastructure, which accounts for more than three quarters of the three year pipeline, and gives emphasis to agriculture and rural development to create jobs and make the country's growth more broad based," says **Mr. Tadashi Kondo**, ADB Country Director for India.

Transport projects account for the bulk (36%) of ADB's infrastructure lending pipeline, followed by urban sector operations (21%), and energy sector projects (20%). Loans for developing the agribusiness sector, improving water resource management, strengthening commodity markets, and boosting coastal resources management account for around 11% of the program, ADB says. The remaining pipeline comprises loans to assist public resource management in Assam and West Bengal, strengthen rural finance institutions, and promote private sector par-

ticipation in infrastructure, it adds. ADB will also work closely with the Government in facilitating public-private partnerships on critical infrastructure such as in the transport and urban sectors. Workshops and road shows will be organized to encourage private sector participation, both domestic and foreign, ADB says.

ADB will continue to focus its development efforts on relatively weak states including Uttaranchal. Infrastructure operations (including urban projects and transport projects) for Uttaranchal have been included in the three-year program.

India's high growth, which reached almost 7% in 2004, is expected to be maintained over the next two years. But achieving the Government's target of 8% growth depends critically on upgrading infrastructure as well improving agricultural growth, ADB says.

The Government is thus giving high priority to programs such as Bharat Nirman, National Highway Development Program, Pradhan Mantri Gram

Sadak Yojana (or the Rural Roads Development program), Power for all by 2012, and the National Urban Renewal Mission. The Country Strategy and Program Update 2005 takes concrete steps to increase the relevance, responsiveness, and results-orientation of ADB's India program by focusing on improving project readiness, project implementation, and capacity building.

A grant technical assistance facility (\$15mn each in 2006 and 2007) is being created to undertake detailed project design and engineering studies so that projects are fully prepared and ready to award contracts by the time they become effective. Regular sector portfolio reviews being organized by ADB and the Department of Economic Affairs, Ministry of Finance, will help remove implementation bottlenecks, promote cross-learning and transfer of best practices across states and executing agencies.

Workshops will be organized to strengthen relatively weak capacity executing agencies in ADB's partner states and to familiarize their staff with ADB's policies and procedures. A workshop focusing on the Northeastern states was recently organized by ADB and DEA in Guwahati.

IT: Programme for Madrasas Teachers

It was a lifetime experience for the Madarasa Teachers in skill upgradation. The demonstration given on line spoke of the creativity that had emerged out from them after the training, provided by Microsoft Academy.

In a ceremony of **Project Taleem**, **Chief secretary, Mr. M Ramachandran**, said that it is the need of the hour to have computer education imparted to a person from any walk of life.

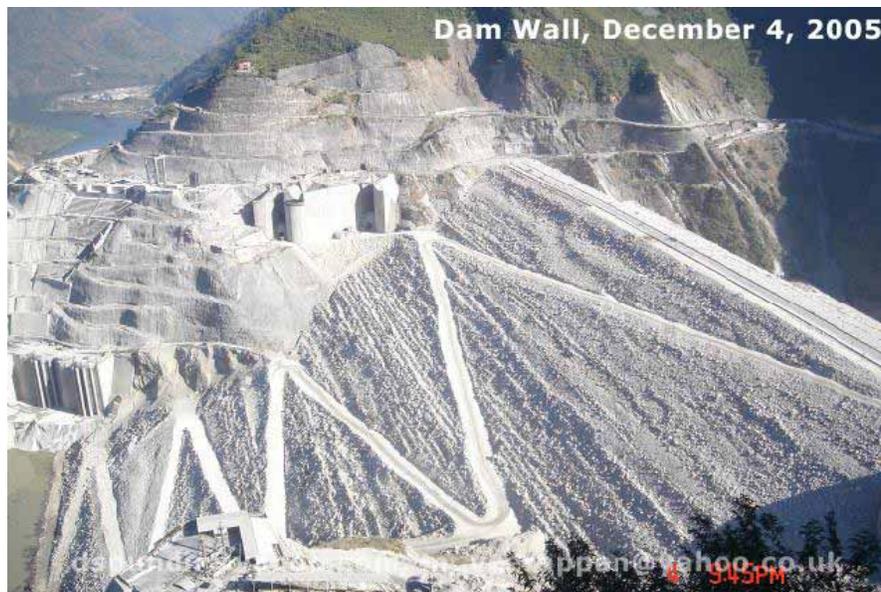


German agency to fund Uttarakhand projects

KFW, a German finance corporation, will provide a soft loan of Rs 560 crore to the **Uttarakhand Jal Vidyut Nigam Ltd (UJVNL)** for the rehabilitation and modernization of nine old hydro power plants in the state. A memorandum of understanding (MoU) was signed between the **Power Finance Corporation (PFC)**, which negotiated the line of credit (LOC) from **KFW**, and **UJVNL** in the presence of **Chief Minister Mr. Narayan Datt Tiwari**.

UJVNL has identified the **Chibro (4x10 Mw)**, **Khodri (4x30 Mw)**, **Dhakrani (3x11.25 Mw)**, **Dhalipur (3x17 Mw)**, **Kulhal (3x10 Mw)**, **Tiloth (3x30 Mw)**, **Ramganga (3x66 Mw)**, **Pathri (3x6.8 Mw)** and **Mohammadpur (3x3.1 Mw)** hydro projects for undertaking rehabilitation and modernization.

The PFC had earlier sanctioned a loan of about Rs 37 crore to UJVNL from the EDC for carrying out studies for the modernization and upgrading of



the **Chilla** and **Bhaironghati** hydro electric projects.

In addition to this, the PFC has also sanctioned Rs 1,200 crore and disbursed Rs 700 crore to the UJVNL for its **4x76 Mw Maneribhali** stage

II. Other PFC initiatives in Uttarakhand include a financial assistance of Rs 1,170 crore to the **Koteswar project** and Rs 3,066 crore to the Tehri stage I power project.

Courtesy: Business Standard

Government of Uttarakhand accepts bid of Alps Industries on leasing spinning unit

Alps Industries Ltd. said that the **Government of Uttarakhand** has accepted the bid of the company for giving on lease a yarn spinning facility containing 25,000 spindles for a period of 10 years on a staggered lease rental basis.

A formal agreement to this effect will be signed very shortly with the Government of Uttarakhand.

The facility is located at **Jaspur** and is expected to add to the company's yarn spinning capacity by 15 tons per day.

The commercial production is likely to commence by April 2006, at Jaspur mill.

Shares of Alps Industries were last traded on the BSE at Rs 123.05, down by 0.36 per cent.

Era to set-up PEBs manufacturing plant

Era Constructions India is setting up facilities to manufacture pre engineered building (PEBs) materials at **Pant Nagar, Uttarakhand** with a Rs. 85 crore investment in first phase.

According to a release issued by Era Constructions India to the BSE the manufacturing facilities are established



through a separate entity promoted by the company.

The facilities would include continuous welding, bending and shearing machines to produce pre engineered building materials, the release added. **(IRIS)**

Uttaranchal's first FDI on the anvil

In an attempt to lure Uttaranchal's first FDI and to look into a possibility of Technology transfer in India's largest Cluster for Survey instruments in Roorkee, for the first time, a high level delegation was invited from Holland & Singapore by **Mr. Sajid Ansari, MD, APIPL, Roorkee**. For this Joint Venture, Mr. Sajid Ansari will be visiting Singapore in the first week of Jan. 06 to work out the Memorandum of Understanding.



Earlier, **Chief Minister Mr. Narayan Datt Tiwari** met the delegation and appreciated the sincere & serious efforts of Mr. Sajid Ansari, who has been working on a cluster development program for the last 2 years. The Chief Minister assured the delegation of his personal assistance to ensure the benefits of more than 200 nos. Small Scale Industries based in Roorkee. In response to Chief Minister's assurances, Mr. Tang also assured to transfer the technology along with his Company's direct investment for this cluster development program. He has shown his willingness to be one of the major buyer for the goods to be produced in Roorkee. **Mr. Tang, CEO, M/s Horizon Instruments, Nederland, Mr. Alvin & Mr. Chan from Survey Instruments Services Pte. Ltd. Singapore** visited Roorkee on a four days visit. **Mr. Pankaj Gupta, President, Indian Industries Association, Uttaranchal** arranged an interaction meeting with the **Mr. NS Napalchyal, Principal Secretary; Mr. Sanjeev Chopra, Secretary, Industries & IT and Mr. Alok Kumar, Additional Secretary Industries & IT** at SIDCUL headquarters' Dehradun, wherein every possible assistance was assured to the foreigners for modern surveying systems production & testing centre in Uttaranchal. Prior to this, a meeting was also arranged with the **Director, GNRB, Survey of India, Dehradun** wherein applications of GIS & LIS with the help of Modern Surveying systems was discussed in detail.

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KVIB Exhibition: Khadi is evergreen says Chief Minister

Chief Minister Mr. Narayan Datt Tiwari has said that Khadi is evergreen to worn in all the seasons. It can never become obsolete, even though the times are changing. The Khadi and village industries provide employment to rural public.

Later after the inauguration of the exhibition, he inspected 150 stalls put up by 12 States and 2 Union Territories, at Parade Ground, Dehradun, under the joint venture of **Khadi and Village Commission** and **Uttaranchal Khadi Village Industries Board**.

