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## Our institutional base is strong: CM



**Chief Minister Mr. Narayan Datt Tiwari** has said that we may be a young state, but we are very vibrant, we may be new but our institutional base is strong. The Chief Minister was speaking at inauguration session of the **India International Trade Fair (ITF), 2005** on Nov. 14.

We have a vision and more importantly we have a desire to excel in everything we do - from health to education, from IT to infrastructure.' he added.

Describing Uttarakhand as Dev Bhoomi (the abode of Gods), he said that it was the numero uno destination for investment, the education

hub of India, the global centre for yoga and ayurveda and now it was emerging as the next destination for the IT/Biotechnology knowledge Parks.

Referring to the achievements of Uttarakhand State, Mr. Tiwari said that it had attracted over fifteen thousand crores of investment by evolving the parameters of partnership with the private sector.

For extending cooperation in revival of sick industry, he applauded the investors who had expressed such faith and confidence in Uttarakhand.

He described Uttarakhand as one of the most beautiful and enchanting regions of India by stating that: 'Nature has endowed this land with unmatched beauty, wildlife, culture, heritage, pilgrimage, yoga and meditation, opportunity for adventure sports; a bouquet of opportunities for unlimited experience. Tourism has been recognized as the key GDP driver of this magical land.'

The road network and connectivity, air connectivity and other infrastructure to promote and sustain tourism were being strengthened in a planned way and with express speed, he added.

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### Highlights of Uttarakhand's Pavilion in IITF

- **Mr. EVKS Elangovan, Union Minister of State for Commerce & Industry** presented Partner State award to **Mr. Sudhir Chandra Nautiyal, Chief Executive Officer, Uttarakhand Handloom & Handicrafts Development Council.**
- **SIDCUL's promoted Sitarganj Industrial Estate** recorded maximum enquiries at ELDECO stall.
- **Public thronged Uttarakhand's Pavilion. More than Five lakh people paid visited and enquired about latest developments in Uttarakhand.**
- **Sales of Rs. One Crore** recorded and an order of Rs. Five cores placed.

## Our institutional base is strong...

**Prime Minister Dr. Manmohan Singh** inaugurated the **25th India International Trade Fair (IITF)**, one of Asia's largest, in **New Delhi**.

The fortnight-long IITF, was thronged by hundreds of thousands.

This annual event, was held at the **Pragati Maidan** grounds, organized by the **India Trade Promotion Organization**.

The fair focused on the themes of **power and communication**.

**Uttaranchal** was the partner state and **West Bengal** was the focus state.

Chief Minister expressed his commitment to develop Uttaranchal as a Power State, so that its vast Hydro-Electricity potential could be tapped. Out of 25,000 MW power generation potential, projects worth Rs. 20,000 MW Power productions had already been identified.

A total investment of 65,000 crores was being made in various ongoing power projects, he said adding that Uttaranchal had developed self sufficient in power and it could supply power to all new industries and projects coming up.

With a view to give impetus to agricultural diversification, and leveraging the existence of almost all the agro climatic zones, he said that ambitious programme for organic farming and agri-export zones had been launched.

The export zones covered a wide spectrum and range – from fruits like lychee to medicinal plants, Basmati, floriculture and medicinal plants, he added.

In order to give market access to quality produce from our region, he said that Uttaranchal Govern-



ment had recently tied up with some of the leading agribusiness groups - both in Europe and West Asia.

In a bid to boost access to Information Technology, Mr. Tiwari said that **Aarohi** project had been launched for imparting computer literacy for all schools, including *madrasas* and ashram schools and **Shikhar** project for MCA level training programmes for college students.

Besides, **Saksham** programme for imparting basic computer literacy to all Government employees of Uttaranchal, **Veer Garima** (a web based grievance redress facility for ex servicemen) and **Gyanotkarsh** (provision of loans on easy interest rates for purchase of personal com-

puters by government employees) and **IT Parks** at **Dehradun** and **Pantnagar**, the state was poised to become the preferred IT destination, he added.

Highlighting the significance of IITF-2005, Chief Minister said that it had become a platform for all the states in India to showcase their cultural heritage, economic and social achievements, growth potential and opportunities for investments.

Including **Prime Minister, Dr. Manmohan Singh; Minister for Commerce and Industry, Mr. Kamal Nath; Chairman of the ITPO, Mr. NN Khanna**, other dignitaries and captains of industry, senior officers of **Uttaranchal Government** were present.

## Infrastructure for Agribusiness a State priority

Agribusiness sector was high on the priority of the State Government, that the creation of appropriate infrastructure for the sector was the topmost priority, said **Mr. Govind Singh Kunjwal, Minister Horticulture, SSI and Khadi, Government of Uttaranchal.**

Speaking at the seminar on **Business Opportunities in Agribusiness and Biotechnology in Uttaranchal** organized jointly by the **Government of Uttaranchal and the Confederation of Indian Industry at IITF, New Delhi on November 24th**, the Minister shared with the participants the initiatives being taken by his Government to promote the sector and invited them to invest in the state.

Highlighting the strengths of the state via-a-vis Agribusiness, **Prof. B K Sikka from the College of Agribusiness Management at the G B Pant University of Agriculture & Technology, Pantnagar** said that the crop diversity, a strong production base for fruits and vegetables, favorable policy reforms and the technology and institutional support made Uttaranchal an ideal agribusiness destination.

Sharing the many business opportunities that existed in the sector he mentioned creation of collection and



value addition centers, ropeways for transporting the produce, cold chain, supply chain, contract and corporate farming, post harvest facilities, specialized packaging, food processing and organic farming, floriculture & medicinal & aromatic plants.

Earlier in his opening remarks **Mr. Hemant K Arora, Chairman CII Uttaranchal State Council** briefed the participants on the inherent strengths of the state that made it an attractive destination for agribusiness and biotechnology.

Speaking on the joint initiatives of CII and the State Government to promote the sectors in the state, Mr Hemant Arora emphasized on the pro-activeness of the state in terms of providing the relevant policy frameworks and also the support to the industry setting up operations in Uttaranchal.

Present on the occasion

were officers and men from the **Industrial Development Department, Confederation of Indian Industries (CII), Agri Export Development Unit (AEDU)**, etc.

### Response:

**Dear Team Uttaranchal,**

It was nice to see your team and other delegates at the Seminar on **Business Opportunities in Agribusiness and Biotechnology in Uttaranchal** at Pragati Maidan, the 24th Nov. 2005. All my colleagues and I enjoyed the Seminar and found it so excellent.

I found the folder namely **Welcome to Uttaranchal**, which you provide to all the participants, was so nice and useful with a lot of coverage.

Sincerely yours,

**Dr. M.L.Dewan**

Chairman, HIMCON.

Sharing the opportunities in the Biotechnology sector **Dr. L M S Palni, Senior Scientific Advisor & Project Director-State Biotech Programme** said that the biodiversity, presence of diverse agricultural zones, R & D institutions and Universities coupled with the high priority accorded to the sector by the State Government made Uttaranchal an ideal Biotechnology destination.

He said that opportunities existed bio fuels, biopesticides, phytochemicals, bioinformatics, diagnostics based industries, biotech based production of seeds, pharmaceuticals and nutraceuticals.

## OTS Scheme

**Mr. SC Chandola, Additional Director, Industries** informed that the State Government has approved "one time settlement scheme for departmental loans to industries" by the Department under various schemes like integrated margin money loan, DIC margin money loan, and other loans, provided to industries many years back.

This scheme will provide relief to many industrial units which had been unable to pay back these loans, or have gone sick, or have been closed.

The units can approach DICs for availing this facility. This scheme will be reviewed in the district level Udyog Mitra.

This scheme will be effective for a period of two years and time bound action plan has been drawn to effectively implement this scheme.

## Infrastructure & Customer Service Key To Tourism Promotion; series of Tourism Initiatives announced

Speaking at **Destination Uttarakhand: a Seminar Showcasing Tourism Destinations in Uttarakhand** at IITF, Pragati Maidan, New Delhi, **Mr Alok Kumar Jain, Principal Secretary Tourism & Sports**, highlighted the changing trends in Tourism and heightened visitor expectations.

He emphasized on the importance of creating visitor experiences centered on 'doing' and 'experiencing'. He said that it was important to ensure customer service for repeat visits and promotion through word of mouth.

Mr. Jain also shared the initiatives being taken by the Government of Uttarakhand to promote Tourism in the state including improved tourism infrastructure, better connectivity, efforts towards creating capacities & adequately trained manpower and development of garbage disposal systems.

Sharing some of the policy initiatives he announced that a single window mechanism for tourism projects, mechanism for grievance redressal and setting up of Tourism Police in the immediate future.

Earlier in his opening remarks at the seminar, which was a joint initiative of the **Uttarakhand Tourism De-**

**velopment Board (UTDB) and the Confederation of Indian Industry (CII)** and was targeted at the Tour and Travel Operators, **Mr. Hemant K Arora, Chairman CII Uttarakhand State Council** said that Uttarakhand has every possible attribute that a tourist destination should have.

He said the seminar was an attempt to apprise the participants of the state's tourism offering.

He added that Uttarakhand, the abode of Gods, a paradise for adventure tourism & eco tourism, land of yoga, meditation and sages, also had a rich cultural heritage and a lot of potential for community and rural tourism. He urged the participants to carry home the message of **Uttarakhand..... Simply Heaven!**

Highlighting the State Government's focus on **Wildlife and Community Tourism**, **Mr Rajiv Bhartari, Director, Corbett National Park** said that three dozen villages at various locations had already been brought under community based tourism programme.

He added that four national parks and six wild life sanctuaries in Uttarakhand, in addition to the already popular destinations of Corbett National Park and



the Rajaji National Park, would be used to promote Wildlife Tourism in the state.

**Mr. Arun Srivastava, Director Marketing and Publicity, UTDB** showcased to the participants various tourism destinations in Uttarakhand and also the multi faceted products available for the tour and travel operators.

Other speakers included **Col. M M Masur, Principal Nehru Institute of Mountaineering, Uttarkashi on Adventure Tourism; Mr Sudhir Sahi, UNDP National Consultant Rural Tourism Project on Rural Tourism; Capt. Sudesh Kumar of Adventure Tour Operators Association of India on Eco Tourism and Sadhavi Bhagwati Singh from Parmarth Niketan at Rishikesh on Spiritual Tourism.**

The seminar was well attended by representatives from the Travel & Tour trade, hotels and media.

## CM lays foundation stone of BT & IT Park

**Foundation Stone** laying ceremony of **Bio-IT Incubation & Park Authority Building at IIE Pantnagar** was performed by **Chief Minister Mr. Narayan Datt Tiwari** in presence of **Mr. Yashpal Arya, Speaker Vidhan Sabha; PWD Minister Dr. Indira Hridayesh and Minister, Health & Education Mr. Tilak Raj Behar.**



Speaking on the occasion the Chief Minister said that this step will bring revolutionary changes in the field of Agriculture and Health as well as in the field of Biotechnology.

The time has come when

we have to adopt biotechnology seriously. It will create enormous job opportunities for the youths of Uttaranchal in biotechnology & IT, he added.

**Secretary Industry, Mr. Sanjeev Chopra,** said that the state government has engaged **Ernst & Young** as consultant for the development of **IT/BT Park.**

**10,500 CV's uploaded on naukri.com**

**Assistant Manager (Human Resources), State Industrial Development Corporation of Uttaranchal Limited (SIDCUL)** has informed that till to date SIDCUL's corporate office has collected more than 12000 CV's from various sources.

Out of these more than 10,500 CV's have been uploaded on **naukri.com** website through database.

The CV's received from SIDCUL have been added to **naukri.com** database (of over 40 lakh CVs) on **naukri.com** website.

They are now searchable by over 2700 companies (over 15000 human resources recruiters).

## IBPC delegation calls on Chief Minister



**IBPC** delegation called upon **Chief Minister Mr. Narayan Datt Tiwari** and informed him about the business investment in Uttaranchal.

The delegation held an interaction with the **Chief Secretary Mr. M**

**Ramachandran** and expressed their desire to invest in various sectors of Uttaranchal.

The IBPC investors showed keen interest in developing the Dayara Bugyal as winter sports destination, apart from establishing rope-

ways. **IBPC** is also interest in establishing a township over 200 acres in Dehradun, besides investing in IT Park, Dehradun.

Development of a Golf Course in IIE Haridwar was also proposed by the delegation.

## Astra Services visit IT Park

Chief Secretary Mr. M. Ramachandran has assured of all possible cooperation from the Government of Uttaranchal to the business delegation of Astra Services which visited IT Park Dehradun to give final shape to their future business plans slated for Uttaranchal.

The delegation also showed keen interest in projects related to tourism.

The delegation comprising of Mr. Feroze A. Waheed CEO Astra Business Services; Mr. Peter Wendell, Chairman Of the Board of Astra Business Services; Mr. K.P. Balaraj, Co founder of West bridge Capital;

## Uttaranchal's 17 Private Industrial Estates



After announcement of **Concessional Industrial Package for Uttaranchal**, the State Government brought out its New Industrial Policy-2003. This policy envisaged promotion and encouragement to private sector participation in the development and management of infrastructure projects, such as industrial estates/areas.

Development of industrial estates/areas has been considered to be the responsibility of Government and it was thought that bringing in private sectors would be an impossible task.

The State Government was aware that development of large numbers of industrial estates in suitable places as per the requirement and demand of industries wanting to set up industries in Uttaranchal, could only be possible, if besides Government, infrastructure agencies, i.e. SIDCUL, private sector investment would be necessary. It required a proper policy frame work as well as decision making in very trans-

parent and speedy manner. High level of commitment and hard work was required from not only industries department but also many other departmental offices and agencies.

The Government of Uttaranchal came out with a broad policy frame work for private sector participation in this area and vide Govt. Order dated 27 Jan.,2004 and 9/10 Nov.,2004. This kind of work had not been done in other states and Govt. of Uttaranchal had very little experience in infrastructure development. Despite this, the way we have been able to motivate the private sector entrepreneurs and industries associations to initiate these projects.

The first two projects who were somehow convinced that the Government will extend its full support to these projects were M/s Sara Industrial Estates Ltd., and M/s Dutt Infrastructure and Services Ltd. Even these entrepreneurs were initially apprehensive because there

were large no. of issues to be handled boldly and very fast decisions were to be taken, and in many areas there was no clear cut policy or directives.

Right from the district level officers, so many agencies and departments were involved as also the land was purchased from the farmers.

But the way, every body involvement reflected their commitment, positive attitude and the entrepreneurs untiring efforts and perseverance.

These two projects were cleared in record time, and this initiative encouraged many industrial groups to come forward in setting up of industrial estates under this policy.

Projects like AIS Industrial Estate, Village-Latherdeva Hoon, Roorkee (Haridwar), which required land more than 120 acres for their integrated float Glass Plant, and involving investment of Rs.600 crores, would not have been possible.

***The success in this endeavor has been very impressive and 17 industrial estates in private sector have so far been approved, involving total land area of 700 acres. The investment in these industrial areas will be expected around Rs. 2000 crores.***

**1. M/s Sara Industrial Estates Ltd.**, Sankarpur-Hukmatpur, Dehradun (JV between IEL & SIDCUL). Promoter: **Mr. VK Dhanwan**, Chairman, 7/1, Pritam Road, Dehradun (Phone-0135-2674815, 2672395).

**2. M/s Dutt Infrastructure and Services Ltd** (in Assisted Sector with SIDCUL), Bantakhedi, Roorkee, Haridwar.

Promoter: **Mr. Pradeep Datta**, DISL, 12-D Race Course, Dehradun (Phone-0135-2627505)

**3. M/s AIS Industrial Estate**, Village-Khanpur Kasauli and Lathardeva Hoond, Roorkee (Haridwar). Promoter: **M/s Asahi India Glass Ltd.**, 12 Basantlok, New Delhi. (Ph. 124-5062212-19, 9350951238)

**4. M/s Narayan Nagar Industrial Estate**, Hempur Ismile, Kundeshwra, Shivlalpur, Delhi. Promoter: **M/s Kashi Viswanath Steels**, Narayan Nagar, Kashipur (Phone-05947-262109, 262138).

**5. M/s Bheem Nagar Industrial Estate**, Patti Bhazzar, Kashipur. Promoter: **M/s Jindal Plymer Co. Pvt. Ltd.**, Gopi Kripa Kunj, Ramnagar Road, Kashipur (Ph.05947224536).

**6. M/s Omega Indl. Estate**, Dabhora Ahatmali, Kashipur. Promoter: **Mr. Vaseem Ahmad Khan**, Managing Partner, 9th Km. Stone, Bazpur Road, Kashipur (Ph. 05947-262211, 262407, Mobile 9837036763)

**7. Raipur Co-operative Industrial Area**, Raipur-Bhagwanpur, Roorkee. Promoter: **Adarsh Industrial and Housing Co-operative**, 41-C/2, Rajpur Road, Dehradun (Phone-0135-2659990).



**8. M/s Mool Chand Industrial Estate Pvt. Ltd.**, Village-Ratanpura, Bazpur (Udham Singh Nagar). Promoter: **M/s MCIEPL**, E-13/29. Harsh Bhawan, IInd Floor, Kanaught Place, Middle Circle, New Delhi. (Phone-011-51517501-06).

**9. M/s Gangapur Kashipur Industrial Area**, Kashipur. Facilitator: **Kumaon Garhwal Chamber of Commerce and Industry**, Industrial Estate, Bazpur Road, Kashipur (Ph. 05947-275178. M-9837050261).

**10. M/s Raipur-Bhagwanpur Industrial Area**, Bhagwanpur, Roorkee. Facilitator: **Indian Industries Association**, Mohabbewala Indl. Area, Dehradun. Contact: **Mr. Pankaj Gupta**, 9412050047

**11. M/s Sheel Chandra Industrial Estate**, Village Kotha, Lalpur, Tehsil-Kiccha, Distt-Udham Singh Nagar. Promoter: **Mr. Mohan Goyal** (Phone-05944-28058, 280741, 280290, 224508).

**12. M/s Kumar Industrial Co-operative Industrial Estate**, Matkota, Kichha, Udham Singh Nagar. Promoter: **Mr. Shiv Kumar**, Rampur Road, Rudrapur, Udham Singh Nagar. Ph: 05944-244445, 9837569613)

**13. M/s Dabhora Industrial Estate**, Dabhora Musthkam, Tehsil-Kashipur, Distt-Udham Singh Nagar. Promoter: **Kumaon Garhwal Infrastructural Industrial Corporation Ltd.**, Gopi Kripa Kung, Ramnagar Road, Kashipur. (Phone no. 05947-275409).

**14. M/s Kharmasi Industrial Estate**, Kharmasi, Kashipur. Promoter: **M/s Shivangee Crafts Ltd.**, Ramnagar Road, Kashipur (Phone no. 09547-278606)

**15. M/s Lakeshri Industrial Area**, Lakeshri, Bhagwanpur, Roorkee, Haridwar. Facilitator: **Mr. Pankaj Gupta**, President IIA, Dehradun. 9412050047

**16. M/s Nand Nagar Industrial Estate**, Village-Mahuakhedaganj, Kashipur, Udham Singh Nagar. Promoter: **Mr. VK Jindal/ Mr. YK Jindal**, Ramnagar Road, Kashipur. Tel. no. 05947262491 M-9837039542

**17. M/s KIE Infrastructure & Projects Pvt. Ltd.**, Mudiyaki, Pargana-Manglore, Roorkee, Haridwar. Promoter: **Mr. RM Khandelwal**. Tel 01334-223687, 0562-2281695, Contact: **Mr. Dinesh S Panwar** Mob: 9837363638).

*Source: Directorate of Industries.*

**Mr. Mukul Agarwal, CFO;**  
**Mr. Ajay Sharma**  
**Director of IT;**  
**Ms Diana Trihan, Vice president Operations; & others met Chief Secretary Mr. M. Ramachandran ; Mr. Indu Kumar Pandey , Principal Secretary, Finance; Secretary, Industries, Mr. Sanjeev Chopra; Mr. Alok Kumar MD, SIDCUL, Mr. SPS Raghav, CMD, Uttaranchal Power Corporation Ltd.; Mr. Balraj, GM, HQ, Bharat Sanchar Nigam Ltd.; Mr. SN Maurya, AD, Software Technology Park of India, and others.**

The delegation went to the site of IT Park situated at Sahastradhara Road.

## Kundan Care expands base

Delhi-based Kundan Care Products Limited, is part of the Rs 1,600-crore Kundan Group that is into pharmaceuticals, chemicals and edible products.

Mr. R Bakshi, General Manager, Marketing, Kundan Care Products Ltd, said that the company has also got the manufacturing rights for Jolen products in India and has a facility in Uttarakhand for blending the formulations, where Rs 20 crore have been spent, it will be expanding it further with an investment of Rs 10 crore.

Courtesy: Business Standard

## Dehradun to have Urban Haat at Rs 1.8 cr



An Urban Haat, being built at Rs 1.8 crore, is coming up shortly in Dehradun to give boost to the craft sector. State Industrial Development Corporation of Uttarakhand Limited (SIDCUL) will develop Urban Haat in the next seven to twelve months time.

The state government gave its seal of approval to the Urban Haat which would be set up in 1.4 acres of area at in Dehra Dun, Chief Secretary Mr. M. Ram-

chandran said, adding that the Haat is being built on the lines of the one existing in New Delhi. In it, the artisans from far-flung regions of the state will get an opportunity to exhibit their products for sale.

"We will organize regular exhibitions and other events to make Urban Haat a tourist attraction also," Mr. Sanjeev Chopra, Secretary, Industries & IT said.

People visiting the haat will also savour delicacies of Uttarakhand as well as those of other states. Artisans from different states would be approached to put up their wares in the area for exhibition on regular basis.

In a separate decision, the government has also decided to set up a tourism police force to ensure a

better environment to tourists in the state. According to the new provisions, the government will station tourism police forces permanently in six tourist hotspots - Mussoorie, Nainital, Dehra Dun, Haridwar, Rishikesh and Kathgodam. Areas like Gangotri, Yamunotri, Badrinath were among the 16 tourist places where tourism police would be stationed only seasonally, Chief Secretary Mr. M. Ramchandran said here.

Initially, the government will recruit ten percent of the personnel from the state police force, while the remaining 90 percent will be inducted from among ex-servicemen.

They will work under the Uttarakhand Tourism Development Board.

Courtesy: Business Standard

## Voltas to invest Rs 120cr in Uttarakhand

Voltas is planning to invest Rs 120 crore over the next three years for setting up three manufacturing units in Uttarakhand.

Mr. Kanwaljeet Jawa, senior Vice-President (Operations), said: "The company would be setting up three units in

Uttarakhand for manufacturing air conditioners, central cooling plants and commercial refrigeration equipment with an investment of Rs 120 crore."

While the new air conditioner manufacturing plant in Uttarakhand would have a capacity of five lakh units

per year, the central cooling plant would have a capacity of 20,000 units in the first year, which would be scaled up to 50,000 units.

"The commercial refrigeration unit will have a capacity of 1 lakh units from the first year of operations," he added.

## CM performs Bhumi Poojan of Voltas

**Chief Minister Mr. Narayan Datt Tiwari** performed the *Bhumi Poojan* of Voltas Ltd. unit at **Integrated Industrial Estate Pantnagar**.



Speaking on the occasion he said that this is an era of technical education, and we have to excel in it for socio-economic development of Uttaranchal.

## Allotment commences in Sigaddi Growth Centre

SIDCUL is promoting an industrial area on a 100 acres of land in Sigaddi area of Kotdwar, District Pauri Garhwal, Uttaranchal.

**Mr. Atul Kumar, General Manager, Project & Administration, SIDCUL** informed that this area shall be known as '**Sigaddi Growth Centre**' because it is supported by Central Government under its

Growth Centre Scheme. **M/s Mahendra Acres Consulting Engineers Ltd., Chennai** has prepared the Master Plan according to which there will be 125 units in the area. Cost of the scheme has been estimated at Rs. 27 crores which shall be funded by **Ministry of Commerce & Industry, Government of India** and **State Government**. GoI has already disbursed Rs. 10 crores against sanction

of Rs. 15 crores for the project. **M/s R.R. Construction** have been selected for construction of roads, drains, culverts, bridges etc and they expect to complete the job in 4/5 months starting from January 2006.

Allotment of plots has been started. Cost of land is Rs. 450.00 per sq. mtrs. SIDCUL will allot plots to Thrust Sector of industries.

## Nokia collaborating with BSNL

World's largest mobile maker **Nokia** has announced that they have collaborated with **Bharat Sanchar Nigam Limited** in a deal worth around \$140 million.

Nokia would be helping BSNL in expanding their mobile networks in the

north Indian region. This expansion would include radio network equipment and services.

BSNL is also planning to expand their capacity to 2 million new subscribers in the states of Jammu-Kashmir, Haryana, **Uttaranchal**, Uttar Pradesh,

Himachal Pradesh, and Rajasthan BSNL already serves around 42 million subscribers out of which around 12 million are mobile phone service subscribers.

The company provides their mobile service using GSM technology.

## Uttaranchal: Wearing Disney on their sleeve

**Disney Consumer Products**, a division of **The Walt Disney Company (India)**, is all set to launch its new range of apparel and fashion accessories.

Called **Disney Jeans**, this brand will be manufactured and marketed by **Indus Clothing Ltd (ICL)**, a Rs 60 crore company. A greenfield facility is being set up in **Uttaranchal**, informed **Mr. Harpartap Singh, Director, Indus Clothing Ltd**, adding: "I am extremely confident of reaping profits within two years of starting operation."

**Courtesy: Business Standard**

## World Bank Funded Projects E-Gov Initiative Projects

Contracts for various World Bank funded projects namely HRMS, Teacher-Student Portal, e-Class, Urban Local Bodies, Agriculture Portal & PWD were signed on the 8th Nov, 05 in the presence of the Chief Minister Mr. Narayan Datt Tiwari and the Chief Secretary Mr. M Ramachandran.

### Project "Saksham"

M/s CMC Ltd. & M/s NIIT Ltd. have been selected to conduct the training of nearly 55,000 employees of Government of Uttaranchal. The project is expected to commence in December 2005.

## E Governance: Departmental Applications

In order to facilitate citizens, various Application Softwares are being developed under the E-Governance initiative Project.

**Agriculture Portal** will bring information/ practical guidance to the farmers, agri-exporters and processors about the agri-crops and the commodities of Uttaranchal.

**Urban E-Governance Application** will assist the citizens to seek services from a single point. This will also help in keeping the records up-to-date.

Public Sector **Satluj Jal Vidyut Nigam (SJVN)** signed an MoU with the **Uttaranchal government** for the execution of three hydro electric projects in the state.

The SJVN would execute the 300 MW Devsari, 33 MW Devra Mori and 35 MW Jhakhhol projects in the state for which a regional office was already functioning at Dehradun.

The spokesman said the 300 MW Devsari project is designed to have 90 m high dam, 6.75 long head race tunnel, 127 m deep surge

The **PWD Application** shall cover project management, monitoring, financial discipline and MIS for the PWD.

The **HRMS (Human Resource Management System) Application** shall be build on the Treasury computerization, which already exists in Uttaranchal.

The **TS Portal (Teacher-Student Portal)** is being developed in order to provide the teaching and learning community of state a forum to discuss, share and contribute.

It will also help school ad-

ministrators to manage their routine academic activities including conduct of examination, time tabling, lesson planning etc.

The **e-Class: IT Enabled Course Curriculum** is targeting to prepare CD based Course Content for Science and Mathematics Students of Class 9 to 12.

This will be interactive learning program where every learner will have facility to choose the learning level of his/her choice. Syllabus of CBSE, CICSE and State Board shall be covered.

It will also help school ad-

ministrators to manage their routine academic activities including conduct of examination, time tabling, lesson planning etc.

## SJVN signs MoU for three projects with Uttaranchal

shaft and three units of 100 MW each, while the 33 MW Jhakhhol Sankari project on Supin River would have a 5.5 km deep surge shaft and three units of 11 MW each.

The 35 MW Devra Mori project on Tons River would have a 5.5 km long head race tunnel, 38 m deep surge shaft and three units of 11 MW each, he said.

The spokesman said the MoU was signed by Company's **CMD H K Sharma** and **Uttaranchal Secretary (Power) Ravi Shankar** in

the presence of state **Chief Minister N D Tiwari** and other senior state ministers.

Mr Sharma assured the state government that the well being of the people living in the vicinity of these projects would be safeguarded on the line of what it had done at the Nathpa Jhakri at Rampur in Himachal Pradesh.

The SJVN is accredited with the execution of the country's largest 1500 MW Nathpa Jhakri hydro Project in the state.

Courtesy: UNI

## SIDCUL & GAIL sign Gas Cooperation MoU

A Gas Cooperation Memorandum of Understanding was signed between State Industrial Development Corporation of Uttaranchal Limited (SIDCUL) and GAIL (India) Limited, in the presence of Chief Minister Mr. Narayan Datt Tiwari, Chief Secretary Mr. M. Ramachandran, Secretary (Industrial Development) Mr. Sanjeev Chopra, Mr. Proshanto Banerjee, Chairman & Managing Director, GAIL (India) Limited. The MoU was signed by Mr. Alok Kumar, MD, SIDCUL and Dr. UD Choubey, Director (Marketing) GAIL India Limited on behalf of the respective organizations.

Speaking on the occasion, Chief Minister Mr. Narayan Datt Tiwari said that it has constantly been his endeavor to create infrastructure in order to promote Uttaranchal as an attractive destination of industrial development. He informed that in the last two three years, more than Rs. 15000 crores have been invested by industrial houses. This has led to an annual growth rate in manufacturing sector to a blistering 19% and is slated to rise further in the next two financial years.

As the industrial activities take root, the fuel requirement is expected to rise sharply. Given the environmental sensitivity and the

need for ecological preservation, it is a strategic necessity to consider gas as one of the potential alternatives to meet the energy needs of the state.

Mr. M. Ramachandran, Chief Secretary, said that it is undeniable that gas is one of the most environmentally friendly fuels that exist today and given the fact that Uttaranchal is environmentally very sensitive, it is essential that the State takes a lead in ensuring availability of clean and cheap source of energy for its economic activities.

The signing of this MoU is a significant step in this direction; besides addressing the broader strategic concern of energy security of the State in the long run, he added.

Mr. Banerjee, CMD, GAIL informed that GAIL is developing a National Gas Grid via which would provide it with ability to link far flung areas on gas pipelines meeting the energy needs of the nation. GAIL has also undertaken a survey for Optical Fibre Cable network linking various parts of the country on an OFC network. It also intends to bring Uttaranchal in this network.

Government of Uttaranchal is keen to be a part of the National Gas Grid as well

as the OFC grid being developed by GAIL meeting both its energy and communication needs.

Mr. Sanjeev Chopra, Secretary, Industries said that a preliminary assessment of the demand for gas in Uttaranchal indicates a total requirement of about is about 1.88 MMSCMD for the immediate potential users.

Major centers of Uttaranchal can be covered, if a 300 Km spur line is laid from the HVJ main pipeline. Economic rationale for the pipeline would stem from the demand profile. The Haridwar line can also serve important industrial centers in UP like Meerut, Muzaffarnagar and Saharanpur, he added.

Mr. Alok Kumar, MD, SIDCUL said that GAIL has indicated its willingness to consider the project, if the demand for gas justifies the laying of pipeline. The Gas pipeline infrastructure in Uttaranchal would encourage industrial activity, even after the concessions offered currently are withdrawn.

He added that the signing of the MoU is yet another milestone crossed by SIDCUL in positioning Uttaranchal as the *Numero Uno* Investment destination.

## Innovative Teachers Leadership Award 2005

341 teachers from Uttaranchal registered for ILTA 2005 contest. Of these, there were 2 winners in the Government School Category.

They are Mr. Harendra Kumar Mishra from GIC Haripur Jaman Singh, Haldwani and Vipin Kr. Gupta from GIC Soli Salt, Almora.

The teachers were felicitated at an Awards Function on the 27th of October 2005, at The Oberoi Hotel, New Delhi.

They also represented India at the Innovative Teachers Leadership Award at Seoul, Korea from 7th to 9th Nov.

## IITF-2005: Cultural evening

# Success is through hard work: Governor



**Uttaranchal Governor Mr. Sudarshan Agarwal** has said that success comes through hard work only. It is the duty of all the citizens to develop his state & nation.

Addressing the citizens through the National Informatics Centre's video conferencing network from Uttaranchal's Pavilion established in IITF-2005, New Delhi, the Governor said that Uttaranchal's development has left an impression that it is by unity and integrity that a state can develop faster.

He also showed keen interest in building up of **Himadari** brand name in respect to handloom & handicrafts development and promotion, being executed under the aegis of **Uttaranchal Handloom & Handicrafts Development Council**.

He inspected the exhibits at the Pavilion, that comprised of handloom & handicrafts products from remote areas of Uttaranchal and industrial products from the existing industries displayed by **KGCCI & IIA**.

Later in the evening, the Governor inaugurated Cultural Evening in which folk songs and dances of Uttaranchal enthralled the audience.



## The IT Initiative

**Governor of Uttaranchal, Mr. Sudarshan Agarwal, and Chief Minister of Uttaranchal, Mr. Narayan Dutt Tiwari,** reviewed the development activities with collectors of eight districts through video conferencing organized at the IITF, New Delhi.

Through this live-coverage facility, they suggested all the stakeholders to actively participate de-

velopment of the state. **The facility was arranged by ITDA in collaboration with NIC, New Delhi and its State-Unit in Uttaranchal.**

For the first time the state was able to web-cast live to all districts an event of this kind. **Information Technology Department** received number of inquiries about the project being implemented by the state and investment opportunities in Uttaranchal.