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## State workshop on “Exploiting Benefits of Competition”

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In view of the importance of fair practices and healthy competition in business, industry and government procurement, at the initiative of Competition Commission of India (CCI), Pradeshiya Industrial & Investment Corporation of U.P. (PICUP) in collaboration with Infrastructure & Industrial Development Department, U.P. will organize a **Workshop on “Exploiting Benefits of Competition”** here at *Paryatan Bhawan* on Friday, January 24, 2014.

To be inaugurated and chaired by the **Chief Secretary, Jawed Usmani**, members and senior officials of CCI along with state government officials and representatives of industrial associations will participate in this day-long workshop. The Competition Commission of India will be represented by its **Member- Anurag Goel, Advisor (Law)-Dr Sadhna Shanker** and **Deputy Director (Law)-Dr V K Singh**, while the state government will be represented by **Infrastructure and Industrial Development Commissioner, Alok Ranjan** and senior officials of 44 departments.

Briefing about the purpose of this event, **Managing Director, PICUP and Secretary, Infrastructure & Industrial Development Department, Dheeraj Sahu** said, *“The purpose of this programme is to sensitize the decision makers in government to ensure that the government policies are aligned to doctrine of competition law which promotes fair competition in government procurement, business and trade, thereby benefitting the consumers at large.”*

The agenda of the workshop broadly includes deliberations on regulatory framework and competition issues in India, provisions of Competition Act and powers of commission. It will provide an insight into the mechanism of procurement and in particular how the tendering process is to be conducted to overcome the dual problem of corruption and collusion leading to anti competitiveness and bid rigging.

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