

# HCL gets Lol for IT City in Lucknow

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**Lucknow, Dec 30:** Uttar Pradesh chief minister Akhilesh Yadav on Monday launched the ₹1,500-crore IT City project in Lucknow.

Handing over the letter of intent to Shiv Nadar, chairman of HCL Technologies, for developing the project, Yadav said, "Almost 25,000 people will get direct employment while another 60,000 people will be indirectly employed. We hope to link computers to English and employment and walk with the time."

On the occasion, Nadar said that developing a state-of-the-art IT City in Lucknow, spread over 100 acres, with an investment of ₹1,500 crore over 10 years, is a dream for HCL.

"We will bring the most advanced technology to Lucknow as we did in Noida 38 years ago," the HCL chairman said.

The HCL chairman said that the IT City campus having BPOs and KPOs would be the prettiest campus not only in the country but in the world.

Stating that no other government has created such a unique concept of an IT city, Nadar said that the perception that the law and order situation in UP is bad is an "exaggeration".

"I go all over the world and when I walk, I get a sense of safety. When I walk in Lucknow, I can sense the same feeling of safety. It is a perfectly peaceful place. There may be some incidents, but that is something which is exaggerated," he said in response to a question whether industry feels investments in Uttar Pradesh are at risk due to the overall perception of bad law and order.

Welcoming HCL, chief secretary Jawed Usmani said that the company had started from UP and spread its wings to over 100 countries in the world.

"Born in Uttar Pradesh, HCL is a truly global company and its future is tied to that of the state. Now, it is working hand-in-hand with the government on its ambitious scheme," he said.