

# ₹4 L crore more in pipeline

**PREZ SPEAK** UP's talent pool can turn it into an economic power house

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**LOOKING:** The UP Investors' Summit concluded on Thursday with President Ram Nath Kovind saying the progress of the state should make investors invest more than what was committed initially. 2023 and CM Yogi Adityanath informed the gathering that the investors that were shown are interested in making an additional investment of ₹6.5 lakh crore.

This figure was apart from the ₹6.25 already signed projects at the time of its last launch event. An 11-member panel added that this would create 30 lakh jobs. The President also said that the available talent pool provided the basis for turning UP into an economic power house and an inevitable destination for investors. "Apart from offering investment incentives, the progress of UP should motivate those who come to the state to become a part of it," he said. In his speech, the President said Kovind's arrival was a cause of joy for union Finance minister Arun Jaitley.

Arun Jaitley said the summit was an attempt to change the state's agenda and create history.

Jaitley added that the Yogi government had brought about an improvement in the law and order situation and also provided political stability in the state.

Defence minister Nirmala Sitharaman said the country's second defence equipment manufacturing corridor in UP will be operational by 2023 and also cut the import bill. IT minister Ravi Shankar Prasad said Digital Infrastructure will be achieved without a Digital UP.



Chief minister Yogi Adityanath and union finance minister Arun Jaitley during the second day of UP Investors' Summit, in Lucknow on Thursday. [www.hindustantimes.com](http://www.hindustantimes.com)



President Ram Nath Kovind at the summit. [www.hindustantimes.com](http://www.hindustantimes.com)

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and various states about its investment manner.

The day after the budget, Yogi ji met me in Delhi. It was February 3. I wrote to him to invite him to this investment summit. In a passing reference, I mentioned that the budget proposed to celebrate industrial corridors in the country. Yogi ji asked, with a little hesitation, if UP could get one? And if UP is interested or if it can show interest, then we will be able to do something," he increased the Delhi dialogue.

Sitharaman added, "But I could not have promised anything at that stage. Then I immediately told the Prime Minister that the UP CM had shown interest in getting the corridor and he made a request."

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## MORE FOR UTTAR PRADESH

### AIRPORTS AND HELIPADS

■ Uttar Pradesh will get nine new airports in next 6 months in Aligarh, Agra, Raebareli, Gorakhpur, Banda, Mau, Kannauj, Varanasi and Allahabad.

■ Helipads will be developed at tourist destinations like Varanasi, Mathura, Nainital, Chitrakoot, Pratapgarh, Muzaffarpur, Deoria and Sitapur.

### FILMS OR MUSIC

■ T2000 CINE Multi-agency major production houses of India will be set up in UP.

■ Sony Pictures' ZEE Network and Entertainment signed an MoU worth ₹200 crore while Fox Star signed an MoU worth ₹200 crore.

### RAILWAYS

**HERITAGE TRAINS:** The Lucknow-Mathura metre-gauge railway line will be converted into a heritage train route. The line runs through glass and steel in Sutton hill, and will be introduced in the route for tourists.

**RAIL COACH FACTORY:** The production capacity of the Rae Bareli Rail Coach factory will be increased to 1200 coaches from the current 600-700 coaches a year in three years.

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UP to participate in the upcoming IITAEF 2019. Non-Hindi film drama UP will get incentive. Rajiv Gandhi University Cluster to come up soon.



Nirmala Sitharaman