

'New agro food processing policy will be issued soon'

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Addressing the session on agro economy, additional chief secretary (horticulture) Manoj Singh said that the government would soon be issuing a new agro food processing policy under which land requirement for agro food parks would be reduced from 50 acres to 20 acres. Singh said that by 2022, the drip and sprinkle irrigation facility would be available in each village in the state.

Alok Tandon, Infrastructure and Industrial Development Commissioner, said that there were four growth engines that could spur UP's economic growth. These were agricultural and food processing, tourism and culture, in-

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frastructure, and MSMEs. He said that the government was working to improve existing policies and making them more suitable for investors, especially in light of the changed world economy due to Covid-19.

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Nath Singh spoke about the government's one district-one product scheme, and how the state was setting up a skill development university for supporting entrepreneurship. "The state has managed to ground 50% of the MoUs signed by it, a feat for any government. We have assigned a separate desk for every country we are trying to convince to invest in UP, which is monitored by senior level officers," he said.

The session was also addressed by Rita Bahuguna Joshi, MP, bhajan singer Anup Jalota, folk artist Malini Awasthi, Michael Rosenthal, Director, North India, US Embassy and Mukesh Singh, member, Executive Council, IACC.