

UP is an idea whose time has come: CM to investors

Offers Sops; Eyes Top Rank In Ease Of Doing Business

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Lucknow: After UP jumped to second spot from 2017's 12th position in all-India 'Ease of doing business' rankings released recently, chief minister Yogi Adityanath is now focussing on bringing the state to the first position. On Monday, while chairing a meeting of Invest UP, formerly known as Udyog Bandhu, Yogi declared that "UP is an idea whose time has come and it is poised to become an industrial state very soon".

Interacting with industry representatives, the CM said several major decisions have been taken by his government to ease industrial investment. This includes reduction of conversion fee from agriculture to industrial from 35% of the cir-

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➤ Housing and urban planning department to dispose of applications for change in land use within **90 days**

➤ Industrial units located in industrial or rural areas to be exempt from double tax

➤ UPSIDA to develop land under closed mill in Meerut as industrial estate

➤ A minimum of **60%** tax collected by zila panchayats



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to be used for development of industrial areas

➤ DMs to compulsorily hold Udyog Bandhu meetings each month

UP to launch policy for SC/ST industrialists

To provide special assistance to investors and industrialists from the SC/ST communities, the state government has announced that a special policy will be introduced for them. Additional chief secretary (MSME) Navneet Sehgal said the policy will ensure that the community becomes a "provider of jobs". **P4**

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