

# Uttar Pradesh best buyer on GEM portal 3rd year in a row

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LUCKNOW: For the third time in a row, [Uttar Pradesh](#) has emerged as the top state for purchases made on the government's [GEM](#) portal. With purchases of Rs 4,611 crore in 2020-21, UP ranked first, followed by [Gujarat](#) which had made purchases of Rs 1,872 crore from the portal.

A government spokesperson said that in 2018, UP was given the award for [Best Buyer](#) while in 2019, it was awarded as a [Super Buyer](#).

The award was accepted by additional chief secretary ([MSME](#)) Navneet [Sehgal](#) on behalf of the state government during a two-day conclave organised by [CII](#) on national public procurement to mark the fifth year of the GEM portal.

"Transparency in government procurement is a priority for the current government. Through the GEM portal, we have managed to curb corruption of thousands of crores. There are 12,672 buyers on the portal, along with 98,552 sellers of which 61,809 are from the MSME sector. These industries have resulted in more than 2.25 lakh direct and indirect jobs," Sehgal said.

Sehgal said that government departments had given 5,61,196 orders worth Rs 12,765 crore over the past more than four years.

A government spokesperson said that in 2017-18, government departments made purchases of Rs 602 crore, worth Rs 1,674 in 2018-19, Rs 2,401 in 2019-20 and Rs 4,675 in 2020-21. In 2021-22 till now, purchases of Rs 3,363 crore have already been made.