

## **UP fast emerging as textile hub with 66 businessmen investing Rs 8,715.16 crore**

Lucknow, Sep 7 (UNI) As many as 15 textile mills have been set up in Uttar Pradesh in the last three years and six more will start production in the next three months while land has been provided to investors for setting up 10 more textile units in near future, an official spokesman said on Tuesday.

The State Government has also received investment proposals worth Rs 8,715.16 crore from 66 industrialists in the textile sector in the last four years, thanks to the industry-friendly policies of the State Government led by Chief Minister Yogi Adityanath. On completion of these 66 textile factories, a total of 5,25,087 people will get employment, officials here on Tuesday said.

The 15 textile units that have already come up in the state at the cost of Rs 756.91 crore, have provided jobs to 4,800 people, whereas the six units, which are expected to start operations soon, will employ 1,500 people. The construction of six units at an estimated cost of Rs 97 crore has already been completed and equipment are being installed in them.

The six textile mills, including Jindal Handtex Pvt Ltd, Vivacity Homes Pvt Ltd, UV Garment Pvt Ltd, DS Exports, Rakesh International Trading Company and Shiva Polyplast Pvt Ltd have invested Rs 55 crore, Rs 4.24 crore, Rs 10 crore, Rs 2.5 crore, Rs 5 crore and Rs 20 crore respectively to set up their factories. Jindal, UV Garment, DS Exports and Rakesh Trading have their factories in Ghaziabad whereas Vivacity Homes has set up its unit in Noida and Shiva Polyplast in Kanpur. These textile mills will start production by the end of this year. Besides, the proposed 10 factories will be set up at the cost of Rs 442 crore and provide employment to 2,713 people.

Furthermore, development authorities have allotted land for a textile park in Gautam Budh Nagar while a big textile mill will be set up in Mathura at the cost of Rs 300 crore. The construction of the proposed textile park and textile mills is expected to start soon, according to Textile Department officials.

Among districts, Kanpur is emerging as a major textile hub with a mushroom growth of new factories. Kanpur Plastipack Limited has invested Rs 200 crore in Kanpur Dehat (Rural), RP Poly Packs Rs 150 crore in Rania and GLKK Industries Rs 25 crore in Ruma Kanpur for fabric production. Similarly, Srishti Industries has set up a knitting factory in Kanpur Dehat while Gadgets Apparel has established a garment unit and Anilikha Fabric a hosiery cloth mill in Kanpur.

Apart from this, Rajlakshmi Cotton Mills, Kalyani Innerwear, TT Limited and Sunwin Textile have set up their units in Noida, Ghaziabad, Amroha and Badaun respectively. Rajlakshmi Cotton Mills has set up a readymade garment factory and Sunwin Textile a lace fabrics unit at the cost of Rs 50 crore each. Shuddh Plus Hygiene Products has set up a sanitary napkin factory in Gorakhpur with an investment of 80 crores, providing employment to 500 people.

Meanwhile, efforts are being made to provide land to five industrialists who wish to set up their textile factories at the cost of Rs 36.36 crore.

It is for the first time in the history of UP that so many industrialists are setting up their textile firms in the state at the same time. Five years ago, before the CM Yogi-led government took over, industrialists were wary of making any investment in the state because of various issues, including rampant lawlessness and bureaucratic red tape.

However, in the changed environment under Yogi's leadership, big industrialists of the country and abroad are considering Uttar Pradesh as one of the safest places for investment in India.

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