

Financial security a must to empower women, says UP CM Yogi Adityanath



CM Yogi Adityanath launches 'Nirbhaya ek pahal' programme

LUCKNOW: Chief minister [Yogi Adityanath](#) on Wednesday said that financial independence was a reliable way to empower women.

Speaking at [MSME department](#)'s programme 'Nirbhaya ek pahal', the CM said: "Security, respect and self-reliance are intertwined with each other. If there is an environment of security, then every person can lead his or her life with dignity. Financial independence is a social security that empowers women. It is for this that the state has been working to create an enabling environment for women entrepreneurs and skilled artisans."

The CM also launched a special training programme to connect 75,000 women of 75 districts with entrepreneurship skills. The CM presented toolkits to develop business acumen in women included in the department's three-day 'Skill capacity development' training campaign.

"With this, in the three months, these women will be provided loans, benefits of schemes, including Pradhanmantri [Mudra Yojana](#) of the Centre and the state government," the CM said, adding: "After the training, these women would also be provided loans on easy instalments from banks for setting up enterprises, so that their financial needs could be met."

He spoke at length about [Vikas](#) Utsav programme in which a dedicated helpline number- 1800-212-6844 - for women entrepreneurs has been started. It also includes a website- <https://msmemissionshakti.in/> and a mobile app to provide a one stop solution to all queries on entrepreneurship.