

# Uttar Pradesh sets up maximum khadi, village industries in country

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LUCKNOW: More than 11,000 khadi and village industry units were established in UP in 2021-22, shows data from the Pradhan Mantri Employment Generation Programme (PMEGP) released by UP government on Wednesday.

This translated into a capital investment of Rs 1,464 crore and employment (both direct and indirect) for over 96,000 people, officials claimed.

Additional chief secretary, MSME , Navneet Sehgal, said: "UP has the largest number of industries in the country under PMEGP but the achievement in 2021-22 was truly remarkable as there has been an increase of over 110%. What adds to the achievement is that the increase came despite factors like the pandemic and elections." Compared to UP,

the average achievement in other states was 91%.

"Against the target of Rs 2,867 crore, different states could avail and use Rs 2,603 crore. In comparison, UP scored more than 100% on different counts," Sehgal said, adding, "The UP Khadi and Village Industries Board has logged an achievement of Rs 148 crore against a target of Rs 110 crore. Likewise, the District Industries Centre registered business worth Rs 165 crore against a target of 146 crore." Sehgal added that for the first time, UP had attracted unutilised capital of other states as well. Industry bodies and experts said that UP was fast shunning its BIMARU image.