

Uttar Pradesh Of Today Is The India Of Tomorrow

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P rime Minister Narendra Modi is building the nation into an economic power of the world and as a result of his commitment and efforts, India's old glory is also being fully established on the global stage. As then-chief minister of Gujarat, he conceptualized and implemented the economic model in the state and paved way for the 'Gujarat model of governance' driven by tremendous focus on industrialization and balanced development for all.

For the past eight years as Prime Minister, he has implemented the same famed 'Gujarat model' which is sustainable and durable across the country and the effect has been transformational.

Uttar Pradesh is a symbolic of this quantum leap forward. With 16% of the total population of India, it is Uttar Pradesh's progress that sets the tone for the nation's success and Chief Minister Yogi Adityanath's good governance has laid the perfect foundation for a trillion-dollar economy.

CM Yogi's vision, his simple, restrained and disciplined lifestyle and his ability to make decisions and implement them is exemplary and has resulted in the phenomenal progress of the state in the past five years. He has paved way for an 'Uttam Pradesh' by ensuring a stable law and order and implementing 'good governance'. When it comes to programme implementations in the country, UP leads the way.

We work across the country and I can say this with full confidence that whether it is about expressways or any other project, the spirit of co-



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The set-up by Adani Group at the ground-breaking ceremony

operation and professionalism among the officers is commendable and ensures 'ease of doing business' in the state which is an added advantage. CM Yogi's vision matches the PM's vision of progress and is an inspiration for other states. It is a

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matter of pride for us to have two such leaders in the country who are consistently building a 'New India' that stands by its allies and friends and that has taken centre stage on the global platform.

CM Yogi is establishing the foundation on which UP's \$1 trillion economy will be based. UP is quintessential to our progress and success as well and we want to be part of the growth ecosystem of the state. In this regard, we are making an investment of Rs 70,000 crore in the state which we anticipate will create direct and indirect employment opportunities for over 30,000 people. We have already spent Rs 11,000 crore across our transmissions, green energy, water, agri-logistics and our data centre business. We are also investing Rs 24,000 crore on road and transport infrastructure and Rs 35,000 crore on multimodal

logistics as well as defence sectors.

We are also setting up south Asia's largest ammunition complex in Kanpur. This is the largest private sector investment in UP defence corridor. The state-of-the-art ordnance manufacturing complex at Kanpur node of defence corridor will provide employment to around 1,500 people. This complex will be built on an area of 250 acres and we have already been allotted the land for the same. In this, small- and medium-calibre ammunition and short-range air defence missiles will be made.

We have also signed a memorandum of understanding with UPEIDA for development of a logistics park and warehousing complex in the state. The state government wants to develop warehousing complexes and multimodal logistics facilities along with industrial clusters along its banks to take full advantage of the expressway projects and boost the state's economy through them. These warehouses will be helpful in creating a large number of employment opportunities.

Our large investments are a sign of our confidence that UP of today is the India of tomorrow. I would like to describe the Prime Minister's and Chief Minister's vision with the following lines from Sarojini Naidu's poem:

"Main soch bhi badalta hun, main nazariya bhi badalta hun,

Badalta nahin kuch to main to lakshya nahin badalta hun,

Usse paane ka path nahin badalta hun"

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