

Indonesian ambassador meets UP CM Yogi Adityanath

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LUCKNOW: A delegation led by Indonesia's Ambassador to India Inna H. Krishnamurthy met UP CM Yogi Adityanath on Tuesday and expressed interest in having a direct air service between UP and Indonesia.

Krishnamurthy said that the Southeast Asian country has taken inspiration from the UP's initiative of 'One District One Product' (ODOP), and started the 'One Village One Product' program in Bali, Indonesia. "This effort has given impetus to the economy at the grass root level," she said. The Ambassador also lauded the progress UP is making in the field of infrastructure development.

Adityanath said that UP was the "heart of India", a source of spiritual and cultural traditions and the land with immense fertility. The CM said that whenever he got an opportunity to visit South East Asian countries, he got to see replicas of Devasur Sangram. The Kumbh, related to the Devasura battle, is the largest human gathering in the world. The CM underscored the close cultural and commercial ties India and Indonesia have. "The two countries share a long history. Bali, Jakarta, Sumatra are mentioned prominently in the Ramayana composed by Maharishi Valmiki. Connecting with these areas is a matter of eagerness and aspiration for every Indian. It is proud for every Indian to be associated with the tradition of Rama and Buddha," Yogi said.

Yogi said that every year Ramlila artists of Indonesia are invited for the special event of Deepotsav in Ayodhya. "The unique performances of the artists captivate the people here," he said, expressing his interest in welcoming a cultural contingent led by a minister from Indonesia to the main event of Ayodhya Deepotsav this year.