

# UP scores above nat'l avg due to share of high-tech exports

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Invest UP CEO Abhishek Prakash said, "Innovation led entrepreneurship is key to 'Make in India' and 'Aatmanirbhar Bharat' programmes. We are determined to create an innovation-friendly environment to give further impetus to start-ups, manufacturing and services."

Under the Knowledge Diffusion marker, UP has scored above the national average due to a high share of ICT exports, high-tech exports and citations. Knowledge Diffusion indicates knowledge absorption capacity of the state. It has two sub-pillars, which are knowledge dissemination, and cre-

ative goods and services.

In Knowledge Output, UP has emerged in the top five states. However, the report states that UP's high score is a result of a rise in start-ups and new businesses, "but the state still lags significantly in the creation of intangible assets like patents, industrial designs, and trademarks that tend to create knowledge spillovers in the region".

Parameters where UP is among the lowest performing states are Human Capital. This has been divided into school education and tertiary and higher education and UP has been identified among a few other states which "requires significant improvement". The other

parameter where UP is among the lowest scorers is safety and legal environment.

India Innovation Index, prepared by NITI Aayog and the Institute for Competitiveness, is an assessment framework which ranks states and union territories on their innovation performance.

The third edition of the index released on Thursday saw the number of indicators increase from 36 in 2020 to 66 in 2021. These are distributed across segments like human capital, investment, knowledge workers, business environment, safety and legal environment, knowledge output, and knowledge diffusion.