

# Freed of dons & Naxals, now Purvanchal is investors' hub

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**Varanasi:** Once known for Naxals and mafia influence, backward districts of Purvanchal like Sonbhadra, Mirzapur, Chandauli and Ghazipur are now attracting mega investments ahead of GIS.

Sonbhadra has received proposals for investment of Rs 71,556 crore, Mirzapur of Rs 57,758 crore and Chandauli Rs 11, 573 crore ahead of the Investors' Summit. After being freed of mafia, Ghazipur too has started attracting investors.

Officials in all the districts are in a race of attracting investors in sectors like animal husbandry, dairy development, additional sources of energy, energy, MSME and ex-

port promotion, vocational education and skill development, food and civil supplies, food safety and drug administration, forest, handloom and textiles, horticulture, housing, infrastructure and industrial development, IT and electronics, medical and health, tourism, transport, urban development.

Joint commissioner industries Umesh Kumar Singh said, "Major centres like Varanasi have received 381 proposals of Rs 96,830.55 crore with the potential of generating employment for 1,12,455 people. Jaunpur has 101 proposals of Rs 45,240.94 crore with potential of generating employment for 20,913. These two districts are already on the map of industrial growth."