

UP has shunned BIMARU tag, it's 'Saksham Pradesh' now, says Yogi

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Lucknow: Chief minister Yogi Adityanath on Tuesday said that UP was no more a BIMARU state and instead it is now a 'Saksham (able) Pradesh'.

He cited the data from the recently released NITI Aayog's National Multidimensional Poverty Index Report 2023, which indicated that UP was the most improved state.

"Many states continue to carry the BIMARU tag even today in the absence of the required development while Uttar Pradesh has risen above it and is now connected to the process of development," the CM said while handing over appointment letters to 1,573 ANM health workers in Lucknow.

'BIMARU' acronym was once used to refer to Bihar, Madhya Pradesh, Rajast-



CM Yogi Adityanath hands over an appointment letter to an ANM health worker in Lucknow

han and Uttar Pradesh, to imply that they lagged in economic growth.

"In 2015-16, about six crore people, constituting 37.68% of the population, belonged to the Below Poverty Line (BPL) category in UP. But in the past six years, the BPL population has dropped to 12%," the CM added.

11 UP dists out of '50% under-poverty bracket'

The condition of 11 out of the total 12 districts where over 50% population was suffering from poverty has improved considerably over the past five years. The findings of Aayog's 'national multidimensional poverty index: a progress of review 2023' are based on the national family health survey. **P 5**

Maharajganj sees max fall in poverty

Maharajganj in eastern UP led the top ten district with sharpest fall in the number of poor, as per the Niti Aayog report, 'The National Multidimensional Poverty Index: A Progress Report' Overall, UP had 3.43 crore people overcoming poverty, which was highest in the country..