

Min: Improved law & order gives UP economy a boost

'B'khand Can Script Noida Like Success'

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Lucknow: Celebrating UP's emergence as India's second largest economy, state finance minister Suresh Khanna on Monday credited the change to improved law and order situation.

Speaking at a government-industry stakeholder interaction organised by Invest UP, he said: "Thanks to proactiveness of the state government which has under the leadership of Chief Minister Yogi Adityanath become second only to Maharashtra (15.7% of GDP)."

Highlighting investment opportunities in Bundelkhand, he said that the Bundelkhand Industrial Development Authority (BIDA) can script a NOIDA like story of development. "BIDA will spur industri-



State finance minister Suresh Khanna and minister for industrial development Nand Gopal Gupta Nandi at Invest UP programme

alisation in the area," Khanna said, emphasising the fact that the state is already a leading producer of foodgrains, sugarcane and milk."

Echoing similar sentiments, minister for industrial development, export, investment promotion and NRI, Nand Gopal Gupta Nandi said: "The face and fate of UP has changed tremendously over the past six years."

Stating that the state has one of the best industrial

policy, apart from 25 sectoral policies, Nandi said: "It is due to these futuristic policies that the state has attracted more than Rs 37.50 lakh crores investment during GIS, which has now become Rs 40 lakh crores."

Welcoming the entrepreneurs, Infrastructure and Industrial Development Commissioner (IIDC) Manoj Kumar Singh said that the aim of the workshop was to collect feedback from the investors on policies rolled out by the govern-

ment. He laid stress on the government's focus on attracting foreign direct investment and stated that UP has come out with a dedicated policy for FDI and Fortune 500 companies as currently the state stands at 11th position in terms of FDI.

Chief executive officer - Invest UP, Abhishek Prakash made a detailed presentation on the availability of various industrial parks and land bank. Secretary MSME Pranjal Yadav, ACEO Yamuna Expressway Industrial Development Authority, Vipin Kumar Jain and director, UP tourism, Prakhari Mishra also addressed the industrialists and spoke about the investment opportunities in the state and the initiatives carried out by their departments.

Members of the industry, comprising Mahesh Gupta (Kent Group) Vineet Lohia (Lohia Group) and Tariq Naqvi (Hikmaa Energies Private Limited) also spoke on the occasion.