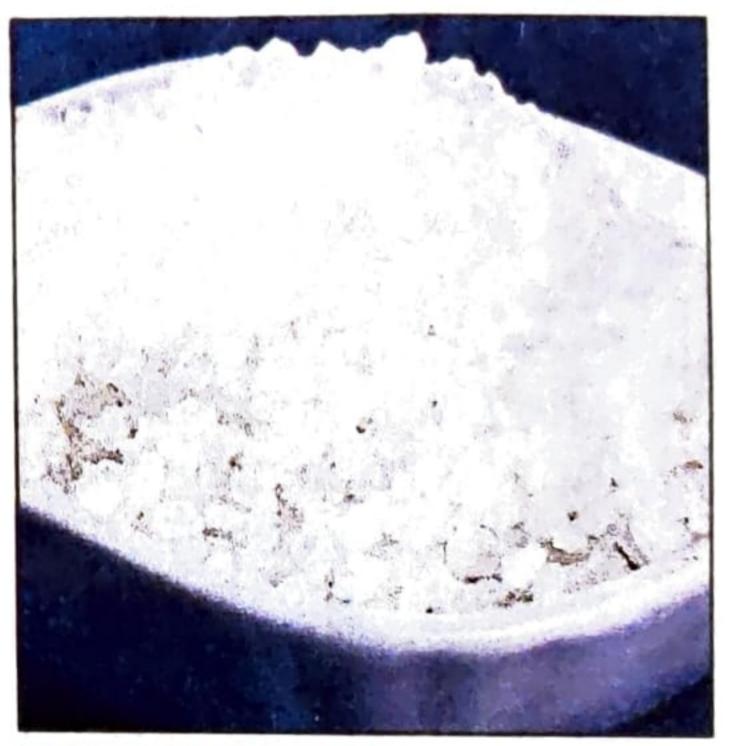
## UP clocks 9% increase in production of sugar amid 11% dip nationally

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Lucknow: Here's a sweetener from Uttar Pradesh. While sugar production has dipped nationally by nearly 11% in the ongoing cane crushing season, UP recorded an upswing of around 9% underscoring higher yield and better recovery from the cash crop.

UP's sugar production rose to 22.11 lakh tonnes in mid-December this year, which is notably higher as compared to the corresponding period last year when 20.26 lakh tonnes of sugar was produced.

Nationally, sugar production dropped from 82.95 lakh tonnes to 74.05 lakh tonnes between December 2022 and 2023. This way, UP contribu-



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ted to around 30% of the total sugar production in the country in the initial days of cane crushing season.

UP is the only state where sugar production has increased.