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## Mahana: Post-Covid, UP will be economic powerhouse of India

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LUCKNOW: Industrial development minister Satish Mahana on Thursday said that during Covid pandemic the Uttar Pradesh government maintained the rhythm of development by attracting investments in various sectors.

Addressing a press conference here, Mahana said in financial year 2020-21, industrial development authorities allotted more than 1,000 plots, attracting nearly Rs 9,700 crore investment and creating 1.96 lakh jobs.

"Post Covid-19, UP will emerge as an economic powerhouse of the country. Uttar Pradesh ranks second in the country on ease of doing business. The state government has launched several attractive policies to attract investments. The land allotment reforms are paving the way for big ticket investments. The state government is focusing on new sectors to attract investment and generate employment," Mahana said.

"Several industrial parks, including apparel, handicraft, toy and MSME parks, are coming up along the Yamuna Expressway giving a boost to Make in UP policy," he said.

The state government is developing Tappal-Bajana towns on Yamuna Expressway as logistic hub while Vrindavan area is being developed as heritage city. To give boost to development and tourism in the area, an integrated township will be developed in the area, he said.

A medical device park as well as Film City is coming up on 1,000 acres of land in Gautam Buddha Nagar. The state government has facilitated implementation of the 43% MoU with various companies, paving the way for investment of Rs 14,900 crore.

Prominent investors include Hiranandani Group, Surya Global, Hindustan Unilever, MG Capsules, Kesho Packaging, Mountain View Technologies, etc.

The state has also attracted more than 40 investment intents from companies of 10 countries, including Japan, US, UK, Canada, Germany, South Korea, etc worth around Rs 45,000 crore, he said.