

# UP gives Rs23kcr loans to micro & small enterprises

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Lucknow: By distributing loans worth Rs 22,800 crore among 5.12 lakh micro and small enterprises UP emerged on top among Indian states, the state government has claimed. A government spokesperson said on Sunday that the initiative taken by Chief Minister Yogi Adityanath to support the small industries during the Covid-19 pandemic has paid rich dividends.

While the economy overall was under stress during the Covid-induced lockdown, UP's micro and small units under Credit Guarantee Fund Trust for Micro and Small Enterprises (CGTMSE) were given maximum loans in the country.

CGTMSE CEO Sandeep Verma said, "Under this scheme, loans are guaranteed to small-scale entrepreneurs, so that entrepreneurs who do not have bank guarantees and want to grow their business, can get loans under this scheme and increase their business further.

Since loans are guaranteed under CGTMSE, therefore banks do not face any problem in giving loans.

The top 11 states that have provided the maximum amount of loans to the micro and small industries are Uttar Pradesh, Tamil Nadu, Maharashtra, Karnataka, Kerala, West Bengal, Gujarat, Madhya Pradesh, Orissa, Andhra Pradesh, and Bihar.

CGTMSE is being operated under the joint initiative of the ministry of micro, small industries, and SIDBI of the central government. CGTMSE compensates the loss of loan amount received from banks by micro and small-scale industry units working in the country.

CGTMSE has also made changes in the system of recovery to issue security to the micro and small scale industries, to encourage the industries which do not misuse the loan.

