

ODOP has given 32% boost to UP's exports, says Yogi

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Lucknow: Linking the one district-one product scheme, launched in 2018, with a 32% increase in UP's exports, Chief Minister Yogi Adityanath said that the scheme had been appreciated even by the Centre which included it in the Union Budget this year. Speaking in the Vidhan Parishad on Thursday, the CM said that at a time when large industries were shutting down, MSME and ODOP industrialists approached him for exporting their products and that he had taken up the matter with the Centre.

“We organized an Investors’ Summit in 2018 and its result is that when the entire world’s economy was impacted during the Covid-19 phase, investments of Rs 7,000 crore were made in UP,” the CM said.

He said that the web of expressways and highways that the government was laying in the state had improved its investment potential. Better law and order had aided in attracting several multinational companies to the state. “People are investing in UP because they know that their investment is safe. We are getting massive investments in the defence corridor. The state will follow its policies, and not a pick and choose method to promote industries. We are guaranteeing security and in turn, potential for employment generation and development are rising,” he said.

Talking about connectivity in the state, the CM said that 80% of the work on the Purvanchal Expressway had been completed. Cities like Prayagraj, Gorakhpur, Agra, Kanpur and Hindon had been linked with air connectivity. Work was ongoing at seven airports while the Bareilly airport project is to start shortly, he said, adding that before his government came to power, UP was limited to just two airports.