

Yogi, officials brainstorm on \$1 trillion economy goal

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Lucknow: To achieve the goal of making Uttar Pradesh a trillion dollar economy, Chief Minister Yogi Adityanath on Wednesday held a meeting with senior officials and took their feedback to chalk out a strategy in this regard.

After taking over as the chief minister for second term last month, Yogi had assured the people that the state would become a USD 1 trillion economy within the next five years and would top among all the states.

The government has also sought help from private financial consultants and experts in drawing up the ambitious plan. Last month, the government had also floated a detailed proposal for bidding.

Officials said that bringing the workforce engaged in the informal sector into mainstream was one area that would be explored.

Exploiting the available land bank along with the network of express highways was another point of discussion.

Officials said the 'One district, one product' (ODOP) scheme of UP government would have to be strengthened and an online marketplace would have to be built to offer better returns to entrepreneurs and increase employment in rural areas.

Skill development of students and young graduates in rural parts of the state would be also taken up on priority, officials said.

Using the network of airports to increase economic activity is also under consideration.

The CM has stressed on increasing the income of farmers so that the overall economy continues to grow.

In the first tenure of the Yogi government, UP's ranking in the 'ease of doing business' index had improved substantially.

The chief minister has asked the core team to come up with investor-friendly policies that can attract industries and businessmen who have not yet explored Uttar Pradesh.