

Uttar Pradesh moving towards becoming India's 2nd largest economy: CM Yogi Adityanath

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LUCKNOW: Chief minister Yogi Adityanath said on Monday that the state is moving towards becoming India's second largest economy.

In his address at a joint sitting of the State Legislature, which was also addressed governor Anandiben Patel, Vidhan Sabha speaker Satish Mahana, chairman UP Legislative Council Kunwar Manvendra Singh and leader of opposition Akhilesh Yadav, the CM said that Uttar Pradesh is the "new India's new UP" and was ahead of other states in four dozen schemes of the central government.

He said: "India has witnessed unprecedented growth in the eight years of the NDA government at the Centre under the leadership of Prime Minister Narendra Modi. Civic amenities have increased across the country while all sections of society, including farmers, the youth and women are

benefitting from the welfare and development schemes of the government. People's confidence in the government has increased remarkably."

Yogi added: "PM Modi has given five formulas to celebrate India's Amrit Mahotsava. These are: 'Azadi ki urja ka mahotsava', 'Swadhinta senaniyon se prerna ka mahotsava', 'Naye vicharon ka mahotsava', 'Naye sankalpon ka mahotsava' and 'Atma nirbharta ko prapt karne ka mahotsava'."

According to the CM, the next 25 years to be observed as Amrit Kaal is the time for "us to set new goals and work hard to achieve them in order to make India self-reliant in all fields." The CM said that under the leadership of PM Modi, India's prestige on the global platform has increased.

CM Yogi described the personality of President Ram Nath Kovind as "inspiring", pointing out that despite his humble background, he made it to the highest constitutional post of the country with his honest effort, which is also reflective of the strength of Indian democracy.

Speaking on the occasion, governor Anandiben Patel said that Uttar Pradesh was one state that had given nine prime ministers to the country while UP's legislature boasted of having several luminaries, including among others Govind Ballabh Pant, Sir Syed Ahmed, Lal Bahadur Shastri, Purushottam Das and Acharya Narendra Dev.

She said: "As the country celebrates Amrit Mahotsava, the gracious presence of President Ram Nath Kovind at the joint session of UP's legislature is inspiring. The President will be sharing his rich parliamentary experience as well as broader and inclusive vision with the members. Good parliamentary conduct and seriousness are a must for a thriving democracy. We are proud of our democratic traditions."

The governor added: "Amrit Mahotsav is an opportunity to look at and appreciate the role played by our freedom fighters, martyrs and leaders. It is also an occasion to renew our pledge to make India self-reliant." She added that India was fast emerging from the darkness of poverty.

Speaker Satish Mahana said that the Uttar Pradesh Vidhan Sabha has evolved into a mature assembly and cited an example of how the recently concluded budget session did not have a single boycott or adjournments. The speaker said that he aims to make the assembly a public welfare body and said that there are plans to open the assembly for the common man to witness how lawmakers work as their voice.

Speaking on the occasion, leader of opposition Akhilesh Yadav said that until there is an end to social discrimination, freedom of the country will have no meaning. There should be concerted effort to end discrimination of any sorts.

Chairman of the Uttar Pradesh legislative council Kunwar Manvendra Singh while welcoming President Ram Nath Kovind said that it was a historic moment for the members of both the Houses.