

# Govt identifies 10 key areas to achieve target

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To achieve the USD 1 trillion economy, the state government has identified 10 key focus areas.

Revealing details during his presentation, secretary of the planning department and nodal officer of the USD 1 trillion vision, Alok Kumar presented the concise synopsis of the roadmap he has prepared to achieve the goal. He said that information technology, tourism, manufacturing, defence ecosystem, agriculture, education and skill development, food processing, industrial infrastructure, power and energy and rapid urbanisation are going to act as the drivers of growth for Uttar Pradesh.

Kumar shared his roadmap with the NITI Aayog team on Thursday during their visit to Lucknow. Vice-chairman Suman Bery and CEO of the Aayog Parmeswaram Iyer along with other senior members had a discussion over the economic vision. "The NITI Aayog team is convinced we can do it. Both vice-chairman and CEO too said UP can do this," said a confident Kumar before the gathering.



Nodal officer of USD 1 trillion vision Alok Kumar

Kumar added that the present GDP of the state is 19.10 lakh crores (USD 244 billion) and present contribution of the state to the national GDP hovers close to 8%.

Highlighting the wide difference between national per capita income and that of individuals staying in UP (national per capita is Rs 1.50 lakh while that of UP is Rs 71,500) Kumar said UP has a lot of potential to grow and the ball has been set rolling to quadruple the economy from the present levels.

Even if the state continues to grow at the same pace, it will touch 440 billion

USD by 2027, said Kumar. "But if we improve our working style and follow the best practices in different fields our economy will grow up to USD 654 billion in the same period. The challenge before us is to meet the target by adding another USD 346 billion over and above that. But we believe it is achievable and are working day and night on this front," added Kumar.

Summing up his presentation, Kumar said that the secondary and tertiary output will have to be increased by seven times and five times respectively to be on the growth path.