

# UP growth engine of Indian economy: CM

## Asks Iran To Invest In State

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Lucknow: In a bid to attract big investment for UP, chief minister Yogi Adityanath on Wednesday met the delegation of India Foundation and Institute of Political and International Studies, Iran. He said UP is working as the growth engine of India's economy in line with PM Narendra Modi's vision.

Welcoming the delegation led by Iran's ambassador Iraj Elahi, Yogi described UP as the soul of India.

"We are the top producer of foodgrains. UP contributes to over 20% of the nation's foodgrain production," he said.

"Under PM's direction, much progress has been made in infrastructure in UP. Our connectivity is good. Today every part of the state is connected by rail, good highways and air connectivity,"



CM Yogi presenting ODOP to Iran's ambassador Iraj Elahi

the CM said.

Maintaining that with planned efforts in the last five years, UP has emerged as the best destination for industrial investment in the country, the CM added, "Cement, vegetable oil, textiles, cotton yarn, sugar, jute, carpets, brassware, glassware, bangles, and leather goods are among of the state's key businesses."

He added that UP is deve-

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Iran's ambassador Iraj Elahi said Iranian and Indian customs and culture are very similar and "India feels like our home". He invited Yogi to visit Iran and said that if he did he would feel like being in India. Elahi said, "The pace of infrastructural work and enhanced connectivity in UP is an indicator of the major transformation. Iran is keen to invest big in UP." TNN

loping its own identity at the global stage through ODOP. Uttar Pradesh is emerging as an economic power.

As per the CM, a number of PPP-based projects in the areas of power, metro rail, transportation, education, health, and urban renewal are in various stages of development and will result in more business prospects in the future.