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'Goons & their patrons hurdles in investment': Uttar Pradesh CM Yogi Adityanath

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GORAKHPUR: Chief minister Yogi Adityanath said on Wednesday that criminals and those who patronise them are the biggest enemy of investment. "After 2017, BJP government in the state has followed a zero-tolerance policy against criminals and those who give them shelter. The rule of law under BJP has transformed UP into an investment-friendly destination," the CM said at the Gorakhpur Industrial Development Authority (GIDA) Foundation Day ceremony in the city.

The CM also inaugurated and laid the foundation stone of 133 investment projects worth Rs 504 crore, launched about 49 development projects worth Rs 260 crore and presented land allotment certificates to 24 investors in projects worth Rs 1,200 crore. He said that the total investment made in GIDA in the last five years was not the same even in

the previous 27 years.

The CM said that earlier no one wanted to visit UP. "UP was all about hooliganism, anarchy, chaos and criminalisation of politics. However, today, the state has the safest atmosphere. The government not only curbed crime but also has developed an environment free from corruption for the investors. Over 340 services are available to investors on Nivesh Mitra portal," he said.

"The government has identified 25 sectors for investors. Incentives related to these sectors will also continue to be received by the investors through the portal. Uttar Pradesh ranks second in the country in 'Ease of Doing Business' and a campaign has been started to bring it to number one," the CM said.

The CM also called upon the investors of Gorakhpur to participate in the Global Investors Summit and said that PM Narendra

Modi has a vision to make the country a 5 trillion dollar economy in the next five years. "UP holds immense importance in this goal. For this, the state must transform itself into an economy of 1 trillion dollars. For this, focus must be laid on maximum investment, employment generation and better CD ratio," said the CM.

He also said that the development journey of GIDA in the last five years has been wonderful. The land bank of GIDA should be increased for more progress. Better connectivity should be given by expanding till Dhuriyapar.

"For Skill Development Centre, GIDA should make efforts on its own and together with the entrepreneurs," he said. He said that as per requirement, skill development centre should be established and also directed the officials to open a packaging institute in GIDA.

He also touched on women powerment, saying that society is not able to realize 'matri shakti' (women power) though they could establish a mode of self-reliance. "The double engine government is associating them with SHGs and a flatted garment factory of 80 units could become a base of their self-reliance as women can earn Rs 12,000 to 15,000 per month," he said.