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ROAD TO SUCCESS



Powering India's \$5 trillion vision

The Uttar Pradesh government recently organised the Mumbai edition of a series of domestic roadshows in a run-up to its upcoming Global Investors Summit in February, in Lucknow, to attract investments in the state and fulfil its vision of becoming a USD 1-trillion economy.

After conducting successful roadshows abroad, the UP government organised the first of a series of domestic roadshows in Mumbai in association with the Confederation of Indian Industry (CII), on January 5, 2023, to invite and promote investments in the state. The roadshows are a prequel to the UP Global Investors Summit that is slated to take place from 10th to 12th February in Lucknow this year. More than 10,000 global corporate leaders, innovators, business visionaries and start-ups from over 20 countries are expected to participate. The state has already received more than 5 lakh crore and over 7 lakh crore worth of investment proposals from its Mumbai and global roadshows, respectively.

Some of the dignitaries present on the dais included Yogi Adityanath, chief

minister, Uttar Pradesh; Nand Gopal Gupta, cabinet minister for industrial development, export promotion, MSME and investment promotion, Government of Uttar Pradesh; Arind Kumar, additional chief secretary, Infrastructure and Industrial Development Commission (IIDC), Government of Uttar Pradesh; Anuram Magazine, chairman,

CI Northern Region, and chairman and CEO, India, South East Asia, Middle East, and Africa, CIRE; Sanjay Bajaj, president, CII and chairman and managing director, Bajaj Finserv Ltd; Darshan Hirandani, CEO, Hirandani Group and Deepak Jain, deputy chairman, CI Northern Region, and chairman and managing director, Lumar Industries Ltd, who put forth their perspectives and compelling reasons for investing in Uttar Pradesh to industry representatives and investors present.

Anuram Magazine, in his welcome address, said, "The state's progress and development are an ideal example of a successful growth story in the country. Uttar Pradesh leads in all three sectors—agriculture, manufacturing, and services of the economy. In addition to this, the extensive infrastructure projects undertaken in the state, are keeping the state well-connected with major destinations of the country. Therefore, it can be determined that UP is going through an all-round development and is creating a conducive environment for businesses to thrive in. In order to further capitalise on its strengths and stimulate economic growth, the UP government has initiated the UP Global Investors Summit 2023 which aims to bring together policy-makers, corporate leaders, business delegations, academia, think tanks and government leadership."

Arind Kumar then took the audience through the various investment and business opportunities and advantages of investing in the state.

Next, Sanjay Bajaj, shared his industry perspective on investing in UP. He said, "The state has proactively promoted an enabling policy framework to attract

investments for job creation and sustainable development. There are 25 sectoral policies with a focus on 'Make in India' and 'Make in UP', which will foster entrepreneurship and innovation. The new industrial and employment policy is efficient and greatly smoothens the process of setting up new industrial investments by making most of its processes digital and transparent. The single window system has emerged as best among the competitors."

Darshan Hirandani, CEO, Hirandani Group, also shared his experience of setting up one of the largest data centre parks in UP. He said, "I believe UP's success has come due to four step-by-step measures. The first measure is law and order. It is amazing to see that law and order

The Uttar Pradesh government, after a remarkable display at the international roadshows across 16 countries, is touring 8 major cities of India with the aim of attracting new investment opportunities for UP.

Nand Gopal Gupta, who was also present at the event, shared his views on how the state has transformed over the years. He added, "Our new industrial policy is one of the most attractive ones in the country. Our government has made the process of investment extremely simple, timebound and practical through the Single Window System and the Jivabhaskar app."

CM Yogi Adityanath then touched upon the UP's various initiatives that promoted a conducive environment for investments and business while inviting investors to participate in the state's growth narrative. He spoke of the law and order situation, initiatives for investors, opportunities in agriculture and dairy segments, superior inter-state connectivity, rail, roads, metros, expressways and airport infrastructure and more. He also mentioned that no industry in the state was shut during the pandemic and that there were no disruptions to the supply chain and exports. He said, "UP has tremendous potential, vision and offers immense possibilities. We are providing every necessary resource to investors and welcome you to take advantage of these possibilities. There is no sector in UP that does not offer possibilities and potential for growth. I invite you all to the Global Investors Summit in Lucknow and I am sure that you will invest in UP which will not only be fruitful for your business but also for UP."



order transformation in the state. Step two is its policy-based approach which gives no special favour to anyone. These are forward-thinking investment policies that are uniform and consistent for all, which they keep improving and evolving based on experience. Step three, and their biggest strength, is mindset. Step four is a ruthless focus on execution and diligence."



WHY INVEST IN UTTAR PRADESH

- Massive consumer base of 24 crore and 56% working age population
- A top-ranking state in ease of doing business
- Rapid connectivity through 5 international airports, 9 operational and 10 upcoming airports, 6 existing and 7 upcoming expressways, world-class interstate four-lane highways, metro connectivity in major cities, and futuristic transport systems—making it a popular logistics hub
- Destination for developing defence industrial corridor, first water transport system, and largest upcoming port in Jharsuguda
- Fertile land and ample water resources make it ideal for agro, food processing and dairy
- India's 1st producer of grains, sugar, potato and ethanol
- India's largest mobile manufacturing hub
- Development of mega projects like Integrated Industrial Township Greater Noida (IITGN), Mega Food Park in Bareilly and more
- Emerging data centre, medical, and educational hubs
- Investor-friendly initiatives like a single-window portal for all applications and approvals, Online Investment Management System (OIMS), Investors Relationship Management System and more
- India's preferred mining location
- One District One Product initiative being replicated in other states
- New MSME hub of India
- Zero tolerance for crime and corruption

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Uttar Pradesh's MSME sector is poised for growth, thanks to its investor-friendly policies and a favourable business environment. Here's a look at what makes the state a popular investment destination and its impact on India's economy

India's MSME hub

Medium, Small, and Micro Enterprises (MSMEs), which are the backbone of any economy, contribute around 6.11 % of the manufacturing GDP; 24.02% of the GDP from service activities; and 33.4% of India's manufacturing output. With an estimated 13.4 million units spread throughout the country, MSMEs, alone, have been able to provide employment to around 120 million persons and contribute around 45% of the overall exports from India.

The land of MSMEs

Uttar Pradesh, home to the country's largest MSME population of over 96 lakh registered units, significantly contributes to India's MSME volume. "We have initiated the cluster-based development of MSME units required for big industrial projects. UP would probably be the first state to sign investment agreements worth Rs 4.68 lakh crore and in 5 years, projects worth Rs 4.68 lakh crore would come on ground," said Yogi Adityanath, Uttar Pradesh CM. "The UP government's initiative to take MSME programme forward is praiseworthy," stated Shri Subramanian Ramai, chairman and MD, Small Industries Development Bank of India (SIDBI).

Conducive to entrepreneurial expansion

Through the UP MSME Policy 2022, the state government is facilitating growth incentives in the form of privileges and direct benefits for the MSME sector. This will encourage registration and participation from newer businesses and will contribute to the state's growth opportunities. As per the policy, MSMEs in the Bundelkhand and Purvanchal regions of UP will be eligible for a capital sub-

sidy of 25%, 20% and 10% respectively. MSME units in Madhya Pradesh and Pachmarhi regions will be eligible for a capital subsidy of 20%, 15% and 10%, respectively. The policy also states that people from the Scheduled Castes (SCs) and Scheduled Tribes (STs) and women entrepreneurs will be eligible for an additional 2% capital subsidy. The capital subsidy across cities and segments is capped at Rs 4 crore per unit.

MSMEs, who choose to set up operations in UP, will also be eligible for a 100% stamp duty exemption in the Purvanchal and Bundelkhand regions, and 75% in the Madhya Pradesh and Pachmarhi regions except for Gautam Buddha Nagar and Ghazab, where stamp duty exemption will be 50%. Women entrepreneurs will be eligible for 100% stamp duty exemption in any part of the state.

MSMEs in Uttar Pradesh will be supported in their efforts to attain quality standards like 'Zero Defect, Zero Effect' (ZED), 'Good Manufacturing Practice' (GMP), BIS, ISO, and so on. To this end, fiscal assistance of up to 75% (maximum Rs 5 lakh) will be provided to MSMEs, as reimbursement. Financial assistance will also be provided for those who wish to attain patents.

Stakeholders and business leaders believe that stringent yet investor friendly MSME related policies will help the state achieve its vision of a USD 1-trillion economy.

"The way this state, with a population of 25 crores, has transformed itself is commendable. Progressive policies for economic development, a large number of MSMEs, infrastructure, sector development, and start-up ecosystem have further strengthened our belief," concludes Deepak Jain, deputy chairman, CEO, Kotak Mahindra Bank.



INVESTOR-FRIENDLY DESTINATION

Uttar Pradesh's ecosystem with industrial development through policy-driven governance has made it a lucrative hub for investments in several sectors

Uttar Pradesh is India's fourth-largest state and is at the cusp of a transformational journey. Home to a population of over 240 million people, the state is supported by major policy reforms, advanced infrastructure, a strong transport corridor, a rich human resource bank, skilled labour and a stable law and order situation. Labelled as the largest consumer and labour market in the country, the state also boasts 56% working age population, making it a promising investor destination.

With a rich resource base, UP is India's third-largest economy, contributing over 8% to the national GDP. The state now stands second on the 'Ease of Doing Business' rankings under the 'Business Reforms Action Plan (BRAP), 2025' by the Department of Promotion of Industry and Internal Trade, Ministry of Commerce and Industry, Government of India. The jump of 10 positions in ease of doing business rankings is a testament to the state's optimistic investment climate.

The state government's focus is on building better, stronger infrastructure and policies to enable and support

new as well as existing businesses to set base in UP. A human resource powerhouse, our state is known for its vast and deep and a feasible business environment that ensures a safe and fruitful experience for all investors," shared Arind Kumar, additional chief secretary, Infrastructure and Industrial Development Commission (IIDC), Government of Uttar Pradesh.

A rewarding policy framework

Leveraging its vast potential, UP has been actively pioneering an 'enabling policy framework' approach to attract investments and investors, alike. With multiple sectoral policies supported by attractive subsidies and government support, the state will continue to champion the home-grown produce and products while fostering the spirit of entrepreneurship and innovation. Since the aim is to make UP a USD 1-trillion economy by 2025, UP has formulated investor-friendly policies to attract investments in defence and aerospace manufacturing, EV manufacturing, warehousing and logistics, electronics manufacturing, tourism, textiles and MSMEs.

INCENTIVES FOR INVESTORS

- Land rebate
- Capital subsidy
- SGST refund
- Capital interest subsidy
- Infrastructure interest subsidy
- Stamp duty exemption
- Electricity duty exemption
- EPF reimbursement

state one of the best places to invest in," remarked Darshan Hirandani, CEO, Hirandani Group. "UP government has formed an anti-lodging mafia task force and today, we have a huge land bank available," Yogi said at the roadshow in Mumbai.

Sharing his views about investing in UP, Uday Kotak, CEO, Kotak Mahindra Bank, added, "The law and order situations in UP is commendable and

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Darshan Hirandani, CEO



Backed by major governance reforms, an excellent law and order situation, progressive policies and development of state-of-the-art greenfield infrastructure including logistics facilities, airports, expressways, metro, industrial corridors, etc., a vibrant investment climate has been created in the state of Uttar Pradesh. UP is the largest consumer and labour market in India. Aligning with PM's vision of making India a USD 5-trillion economy, Uttar Pradesh aims to be a major contributor by surging ahead to become a USD one-trillion economy.

Yogi Adityanath
Chief Minister, Uttar Pradesh

FINANCERS SPEAK

We are very excited by the arrival of CM Yogi Adityanath in Mumbai. Under his leadership, the law and order situation in UP is improving, people's trust and confidence are growing, and we as bankers and members of the financial system are very happy. The way UP has transformed itself is commendable. Progressive policies for economic development, more than 90 lakh MSMEs, infrastructure, sector development and start-up ecosystem have further strengthened our belief. Under the leadership of PM Narendra Modi and CM Yogi Adityanath, UP is moving towards making a big contribution to the country's growth.

Uday Kotak, CEO, Kotak Mahindra Bank

The improvement in law and order in UP has restored the confidence of the business community and industrial houses in the state and that is why they are keen to invest there. In recent years, UP has seen significant investment in its infrastructure, including power components like electricity and roads have improved. The state government is also making every possible effort to initiate its GOSIP, including expanding agriculture, providing an environment for the growth of industries and encouraging start-ups.

Dinesh Kumar Khara, CMD, State Bank of India

INVESTORS SPEAK

Entrepreneur-friendly policies, innovative schemes, attractive fiscal incentives, and an enabling business framework has helped the state flourish and excel in the industrial sector. Today, Uttar Pradesh has developed a robust infrastructure and continues to optimally utilise the opportunity to foster industrial development. With its diverse strengths, present demographics, infrastructure, diverse industrial base, entrepreneurial talent, thriving economy and future growth potential, it has become an attractive investment destination. The UP government has been transforming the industrial development of the state through effective policy implementation, thereby enabling growth.

Anuram Magazine, chairman, CI Northern Region; chairman and CEO, India, South East Asia, Middle East, and Africa, CIRE

It fills me with immense pride to say that our country is at a stage where opportunities are flourishing—all while ensuring the development of our people and working from the bottom-up to make sure that the generic reach every household. The role of which Uttar Pradesh is playing for progress gives us encouragement to drive for perfection and innovation to be a part of India's growth story. The government's efforts have resulted in not only putting India on the global map but have brought Uttar Pradesh into the spotlight as an attractive investment destination that is ripe with resources and is brimming with unexplored territories. It is indeed a testimony to the hard work of the state and I'm certain that Uttar Pradesh will soon be a beacon of leadership for other states to follow.

Deepak Jain, deputy chairman, CI Northern Region; chairman and managing director, Director, Lumar Industries Ltd

The state is growing at a much faster rate and overall, UP is set on a progressive transformational journey. As we celebrate 75 years of India's independence and the last 75 years of development, the role of every state and its contribution will be important. Infrastructure and investment will play a critical role and must be engaged to drive change for inclusive, balanced and sustainable growth. With proactive partnerships and impactful strategies from Indian enterprises, Uttar Pradesh can further accelerate its pace of development.

Sanjeev Bajaj, president, CII chairman and managing director, Bajaj Finserv Ltd

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