

# Bulldozers can be sign of peace: CM

## 'UP Won't Take Away Film City From Mumbai'

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**Mumbai:** Bulldozers can be a sign of peace and development just as they can be used to enforce the law, Uttar Pradesh CM Yogi Adityanath, often referred to as 'Bulldozer baba,' said on Wednesday. He also reiterated that the idea of setting up a Film City in UP was "not to take it away from Mumbai."

Yogi Adityanath, who is on a two-day visit to Mumbai to attract domestic investors ahead of the UP government's Global Investor Summit 2023 scheduled in Lucknow from February 10 to 12, said, when asked about the 'Bulldozer baba' tag, that bulldozers play a role in infrastructure and development works, so they can be symbols of peace and growth. And if people violate laws, bulldozers can be used to take action to establish law and order.

The UP CM got the label 'Bulldozer baba' after he demolished properties of criminals in his state. While his opponents used the term to criticize him, his supporters have upheld it to indicate what they call his tough posi-



Maharashtra Governor Bhagat Singh Koshyari presents a bust of Chhatrapati Shivaji Maharaj to UP CM Yogi Adityanath in Mumbai, on Wednesday. Maharashtra CM Eknath Shinde, deputy CM Devendra Fadnavis, former UP Governor Ram Naik were also present on the occasion

tion against those who create law and order problems and a sense of insecurity for the ordinary people of UP.

Asked about allegations made by the Maha Vikas Aghadi in Maharashtra that UP was trying to take the film industry out of Mumbai by forming its own Film City, he said, "Mumbai is Mumbai. It is the 'arthbhoomi' (land of the economy), and UP is 'dharma bhoomi' (land of faith). There can be a beautiful confluence of the two. We are not seeking to take the Film City away but are building our own. Work is in progress and some of the top studios have shown interest in coming over." UP's Film City will be spread over 1,200 acres, while the one in Goregaon is aro-

und 520 acres. The BJP government in UP has set a target of making the state a \$1 trillion economy in the next five years. With its 25 crore population, Yogi Adityanath said UP has 96 lakh MSMEs, a series of expressways, abundant water resources and is rapidly building its infrastructure. It would soon get a semi-conductor project and have five international airports, he said. UP is an investment destination and equally, it is a massive market and has more youngsters than anywhere else in India, he said.

After visiting 16 countries to attract investors, the UP government has launched its domestic tour from Mumbai.

Yogi said that on his first day as CM in 2017, he had told

police officers they would be held accountable if women, especially those in western and central UP who found it unsafe even to go to school, faced trouble or assault. He said last April, he asked religious establishments of all faiths to take off loudspeakers which were stationed outside so people outside the premises would not be affected. "They could have the speakers inside so long as the noise did not go out," he said, adding he had instructed police and bureaucracy that the loudspeakers removed by the establishments should be given free to schools, colleges and other facilities where they could be useful. "A total of 1.2 lakh loudspeakers were brought down," he said.