

NRI med scientist proposes to set up Life Sciences park

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Mumbai/Lucknow: A US-based medical scientist has proposed to set up a futuristic state-of-the-art Biotech/Life Sciences Park in Noida which would house global players from across the world.

Dr Ram S Upadhyaya, who is with Harvard Medical School and Boston Children's Hospital, USA, announced this at Chief Minister Yogi Adityanath meeting with the UP diaspora on Wednesday. "I take this opportunity to reassure that we are really committed and would love to associate with this vision and be part of the growth plan of Uttar Pradesh. We also see an opportunity to invest Rs 500-1,000 crore to develop a Biotech/ Life Science park in UP," he said while speaking on the occasion.

A day later, he sent details of the proposal to the CM to set up this facility similar to Hyderabad's 'The Genome Valley'. Prof Upadhyaya is also instrumental behind the Hyderabad centre. "We would like to intro-



Minister for industrial development Nand Gopal Gupta with Dr Ram S Upadhyaya

duce ourselves as a team of professionals who are behind the development of vaccine hub of Hyderabad and a known name in global arena 'The Genome Valley'," he says in his proposal, adding "We are willing to create a replica of Genome Valley in Noida under your leadership which is going to be the future hub of Biotechnology and Life Sciences."

"We are in discussions with Roche, AstraZeneca, Pfizer, Merck, J & J to be part of this endeavor. To strengthen patient care, we would like to bring in John Hopkin's and Sloan Kettering USA who are pioneers in cancer treatment to be part of this journey," he says.