

UP is best investment destination in country: Former Niti Aayog CEO

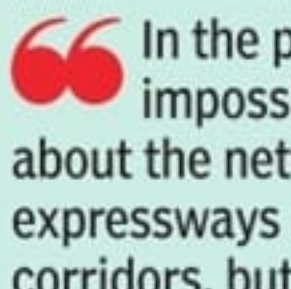
'UP HAS HUGE BIZ POTENTIAL'

 We are bringing more investment to UP as it has huge development potential. The state is making tremendous progress in infrastructure, and rail and airway connectivity

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 The changing atmosphere in UP has boosted the confidence of the business community and industrialists. A lot of work has been done in the field of infrastructure. We are happy that the UP government is doing commendable work

Hari Om Rai | CHAIRPERSON, LAVA INTERNATIONAL

 In the past, it was impossible to think about the network of expressways and defence corridors, but now they are being prepared under the Yogi govt. Improved law and order has strengthened people's confidence, especially investors

Hemant Sateja | CHAIRPERSON, PRESTIGIOUS GROUP

'Key To India Achieving \$5 Trillion Economy'

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Lucknow: Former Niti Aayog CEO and present Sherpa of G-20 Amitabh Kant claimed Uttar Pradesh to be the "best investment destination in the country" and said the state would be key to India achieving USD 5 trillion economy.

"During the last eight years of this government, I have worked as CEO of Niti Aayog and worked closely with all states and UTs. During these years there is no better state in India than UP which has transformed on a whole range of areas from infrastructure of road, rail, air connectivity, energy, electricity, water, ease of doing business, good governance, bringing in predictability, consistency, policies and bringing a vast range of re-

forms to ensure that private sector grows," he said.

He was addressing investors at the Delhi roadshow ahead of the Uttar Pradesh government's Global Investors' Summit, on Friday.

"If I were a businessman, I could not think of a better place to invest than UP. If India has to grow to a USD 5 trillion economy, UP



would be the key engine of growth," he said.

Kant said India had shown a growth of 7% and emerged as the fastest growing large economy in the world. A state which has matched the Centre step-by-step in this had been UP.

"To anyone investing, 3-4 things are critical. Predictability and consistency of po-

licy, ease of doing business, good infrastructure and good domestic market. Today, UP is easily the number one state in all these areas. We have spent long hours on potholed roads to reach Lucknow but all that has changed. This has happened because the state has demonstrated the highest level of integrity which is critical in growth and development," he said.

Kant added that Niti Aayog had ranked states on a vast range of indices like health, infrastructure etc and the state which had shown most improvement was UP.

In the coming years, he said, with a new airport in Jewar, a dedicated freight corridor, rapid pace of urbanisation, UP would become one of the key drivers of India's economy and growth.