

Yogi govt woos drug cos to set up units in UP

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Uttar Pradesh Deputy Chief Minister Brajesh Pathak on Wednesday invited the pharma companies in Telangana to invest and establish their units in the state, stating that UP is a favourable destination with a huge market and manpower.

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In an exclusive interview with the *Deccan Chronicle*, Pathak, who is leading a group from his state on a road show in Hyderabad ahead of the UP Global Investors Summit in Lucknow from February 10 to 12, stated that UP offers various possibilities and opportunities to people from Telangana in that state.

"Telangana is a good state, with good people. And we are offering several opportunities to people from here in our state. We have come here with a lot of expectations and look forward to inviting the pharma sector to our state. We have a huge market and manpower. We expect a lot of interest and investments on this front," he stated.

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He noted the state's burgeoning infrastructure as well as its investor-friendly policies supportive of businesses and industries as reasons why UP is an ideal destination to invest.