

● Yogi wraps up Mumbai visit with Rs 5 lakh cr investment proposals

newly acquired Air India to every city of spiritual importance in the state, a statement from the government said.

Pitching UP as a safe investment destination, Adityanath assured industrialists of a strong law and order situation devoid of fear and free of land mafia.

The industrialists Adityanath met in Mumbai included Reliance Industries Limited chairman and managing director Mukesh Ambani, Piramal Group chairperson Ajay Gopikisan Piramal, Vedanta group Chairman Anil Agarwal, Tata Companies chairperson Natarajan Chandrasekaran, Torrent Power managing director Jinal Mehta, Parle Agro Group chairman Prakash Chauhan and Adani Ports and SEZ Limited CEO Karan Adani.

The government said that Mukesh Ambani has proposed big investments in electronics manufacturing and green energy sectors, including providing 5G Internet connectivity across UP and better health services to villages with the help of artificial intelligence (AI).

Adani Group, meanwhile, has shown interest in setting up a skill development centre with a capacity of 10,000 youths in Noida.

It further said that Parle-Agro has proposed Rs 500 crore of investment, mainly in the dairy sector. Meanwhile, Lodha Group will bring housing projects to Ayodhya, Varanasi and Gorakhpur with an investment of Rs 3,000 crore.

According to the government statement, Karan Adani of the Adani Group discussed an action plan for major investment in the warehousing and logistics sector. "He also discussed setting up cement plants at seven places in Uttar Pradesh. Adani group will also invest in silos, and smart meter manufacturing in the state," it added.

Sources said Adani also shared the plan for the expansion of Lucknow airport and discussed with the CM an action plan for building the world's largest ammunition hub after Brazil in the UP Defence Corridor.

Aditya Birla Group chairman Kumar Mangalam Birla sought the government's support for setting

up a convention centre in Noida and said that it would be one of the largest convention centres in the world.

The Birla Group also shared their action plan for investment in food processing, data centres, warehousing and logistics as well as the solar energy sector, the government said. "Ajay Piramal of Piramal Enterprises assured to launch a special campaign in Varanasi for a TB-free India and expressed his interest in developing a pharma park. Similarly, JSW Group MD Sajjan Jindal also discussed setting up a state-of-the-art pumped storage plant at Sonbhadra for power generation, an EV manufacturing unit in Kanpur and a new paint unit.. Jindal also expressed his desire to participate in the development of a temple and Naimish Dham," it said.

Earlier in the day, urging industrialists to invest in UP, Adityanath elaborated on the ongoing infrastructure projects in his state and the single window clearance system with minimal human intervention. He spoke on technology-

driven and incentive development relationships that industries can have directly with the government without the presence of middlemen. "Mumbai is the financial capital of the country. I wanted to come in person here and invite you all to UP because when one is extending an invitation to those within home, as in this case, I wanted to do it in person," Adityanath told the industrialists present.

"You must have seen that before 2017, there used to be riots every other day, now the law and situation in the state is very strong. We formed an anti-land mafia task force and vacated over 64,000-hectare land from their clutches," the CM said.

He added that today, no goon can collect tax from any businessman or contractor or harass them in UP. "Even political donations cannot be taken forcibly."

The state has set a target of USD 1 trillion and aims to become a major contributor to Prime Minister Narendra Modi's target of making India a USD 5 trillion economy, Adityanath added.

