

# Every investment done by Britain in UP will be secure, assures Yogi

## UK, UP Can Be Engines Of Growth: Chalk

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**Lucknow:** British minister of state at the ministry of defence, Alex Chalk, on Sunday summed up the ties between United Kingdom and Uttar Pradesh with a Hindi one-liner, 'UP-UK, sabka saath, sabka vikas'.

He said that with comprehensive strategic partnership, UP and UK could become the engines of each other's growth.

During the United Kingdom partner country defence session held at the Global Investors Summit, Chalk inked seven MoUs with the state government amounting 165 million pounds in the presence of Chief Minister Yogi

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Adityanath.

"I assure UK delegates that every investment done by them in the state would be secure. I thank the UK government for participating as a partner country in GIS and helping the event scale new heights of success," the CM said.

He said the ministers of the state government went to



British minister Alex Chalk (second from left) with CM Yogi Adityanath at the GIS

16 countries and held programmes to expand investment opportunities in the state.

"UP GIS-2023 is writing a new success story. Setting up 96 lakh MSMEs has taken ahead our traditional product. With the help of One District, One Product scheme, the state has achieved investment as well as self employment goals. UP is number one in agriculture, food processing and other sectors," Yogi said.

Speaking about his emotional attachment with India, particularly with UP, Chalk said: "Living and working as a teacher among your

countrymen is an experience that continues to influence me even today. I went to Bakshi Ka Talab and had an emotional reunion with the people who had a strong influence on me as a young man."

"I have come here as a representative of a new kind of government, led by my friend and colleague, British Prime Minister Rishi Sunak," he said.

"Here I am at the fastest growing part of the country with over 240 million people, a state hungry for future just as Britain is. When I come to Lucknow, I see clearly what has been done and achieved. I am truly amazed," Chalk ad-

ded.

"Let UP and UK comprehensive strategic partnership be the engines of each other's growth. I am here joined by 30 British business leaders and have inked an MoU worth 165 million pounds," the British minister said.

"We need strong defence system as security challenges have grown immensely. Accelerating our partnership with India in defence is a geopolitical necessity," he said.

"Decades back, we knew Hindi songs but now I give a Hindi slogan, 'UP-UK sab ka saath, sab ka vikas,'" Chalk added.

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