

Need to project UP as model in front of world: Vaishnav

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Lucknow: Uttar Pradesh's Global Investors Summit is creating buzz globally and there is need to project UP as a model in front of the world, said Union railway and telecom minister Ashwini Vaishnav on Sunday.

Addressing the session on 'Uttar Pradesh in Modernization of Rail and Road', the minister said: "UP has an important contribution in India's growth. This is the reason why important G20 programmes are being organised in Uttar Pradesh. We have to present UP as a model in front of the world."

He said before 2014, UP used to receive Rs 1000-1100 crore in Rail Budget, but in Budget 2023-24, the BJP government increased the share by 16 times.

An MoU of Rs 17,507 crore was exchanged between the railways and the UP government for rail infrastructure and network development in the state.

"Around 150 stations in UP will be made world-class under the Amrit Bharat Mission. One station one product scheme has increased the income of people associated with this sector and the-



Union railway minister Ashwini Vaishnav with PWD minister Jitin Prasada at Investors Summit

ir products have become global from local," he said.

Inviting investors, he said they should join the railways and set up their projects in UP without hesitation to make their investment profitable.

PWD minister Jitin Prasada said: "Under the leadership of CM Yogi Adityanath, a network of expressways and roads is being laid in the state. Work is underway on the 560-km Ganga Expressway. Work on 59 railway overbridges (ROBs) has been completed in the state. Along with this, 250 ROBs have been identified, on which work will start soon."

Minister of state for PWD Brijesh Singh said, "UP is creating new paradigms of development under the leadership of CM Yogi Adityanath."