

# ‘Security of investments, growth prospects in state’

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**Lucknow:** Minister of state for environment, forest and climate change (independent charge), UP, Arun Kumar Saxena said that there has been a change in the state under the leadership of Chief Minister Yogi Adityanath and it will soon become ‘Sarvottam Pradesh’ (best state).

“Earlier, industrialists did not want to come to UP but now everyone is willing to invest here. UP was once among the BIMARU (backward) states but now it is ‘Uttam Pradesh’. Soon, it will become ‘Sarvottam Pradesh’,” the minister said.

Addressing a session on ‘Opportunities in Forest and Allied Sector’, the minister said: “There is a strong system of expressways, airports and good governance in UP today. Indu-

stries are coming up in the state. Earlier, the state did not have proper law and order but today people are secure. Be it weather or market conditions, UP is the best destination for industrialists whose investments are safe and growing.”

He said that with the support of investors, UP is set to become the best state in the country by 2027. Urging investors to provide employment to the youth of the state, he assured them of all support from the department, including ministers and officers. Minister of state for environment, forest and climate change, Krishna Pal Malik, thanked industrialists for investing in Uttar Pradesh.

“The department has received investment proposals worth Rs 20,000 crore,” said additional chief secretary Manoj Singh.