

BUDGET SESSION: CM Shares Vision Of State's Role In Country's Growth

₹34L-cr MoUs at GLS show people's faith in govt: Yogi

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Lucknow: Chief Minister Yogi Adityanath on Wednesday said that the size of the UP budget has doubled in the past six years — Rs 3.40 lakh crore in 2016-17 to Rs 6.90 lakh crore in 2023-24. "This shows the economic development of the state... it shows how the GDP has grown and the increase in Per Capita Income," he said, stressing that the achievement was based on 'jan vishwas'(public trust).

"Investment proposals of Rs 34.09 lakh crore received during the recent Global Investors summit is a reflection of the public trust in the government and its credibility," he said, asking "why didn't this come before 2017?" He said that after the ground-breaking ceremony (expected within next six months) the state would become the second largest economy in the country and then the "largest economy" in the next five years. He underscored that his government became a "revenue surplus" state without imposing any additional tax on the people.

"With the inspiration of Prime Minister Narendra Modi, we also brainstormed on what could be the role of the country's most populous state. If India has to become a country with a \$5 trillion economy, then UP also must make a significant contribution. Every 16th person of the country is from UP, but our contribution is not on the expected lines. UP's contribution to India's GDP currently is 8% and it must be increased to 16%," he said.

The CM said opposition parties were doubting whether this would be possible. "I wonder why it can't be. What is that UP does not have? UP has the country's most fertile land, the best water resources, best youth and the best labour market. The state has 96 lakh MSMEs. Road, rail, air water connectivity is there in UP. It has a rail network of 16,000 km. Eastern and western freight corridor is passing through UP. The PM has just started the longest river cruise from Varanasi. Air connectivity has also improved and it has huge potential."

Yogi said PM's 5T mantra (talent, tradition, trade, tourism, technology) is being expanded in the state. Now UP not only has express highways but also I-way (internet). The focus is on expanding the optical fibre network. In 58,000 gram panchayats, work is on to construct village secretariats. "We have scale as well as skill and the speed has also increased in 6

YOGI'S DIATRIBE AGAINST OPPOSITION



- “ ‘Samajwad’ is a “behroopiya brand” (chameleon) which takes different forms
- “ India and UP are moving forward not due to socialism, but with the spirit of Ram Rajya
- “ Before 2017, it was said that UP has a helpless CM
- “ Who gained from public money
- “ during the previous government? One doesn't buy a hotel in England and an island in Australia from nothing
- “ While the BJP govt tried to boost local industry through ODOP scheme, the Samajwadi Party, during its rule came up with its own scheme: “One District One Mafia”
- “ SP was missing when sustainable devpt was being discussed in the House. That is why people have routed them in elections
- “ Socialists play politics in the name of Dr Lohia but never follow his principles
- “ You release manifestos, we take ‘sankalp’ (resolution). You made UP a BIMARU state. Today, UP figures among revenue surplus states
- “ When I visited Noida after taking over as CM, the leader of the opposition said I will not return as Chief Minister. I had said that I will return as CM again
- “ Every problem has two solutions... ‘bhaag lo’ (take part and confront the problem) or ‘bhaag lo’ (run away). And the leader of the opposition has opted for the second option. His chair is vacant

‘SP patronized criminals who killed backward leaders’

CM Yogi Adityanath said that the opposition leaders cannot shy away from the fact that they "patronized" criminals who killed people from the backward caste. "Kya Umesh Pal ki koi jaati nahi thi? Kya constable Sandeep Nishad, ...aap theka le chuke hain jaati ka, par kya kisi kamzor ko... kisi ati pichdi jaati ke logon ko aise peshewar apradhi ki sanrakshan deke marwayenge...," he said.

Yogi to Shivpal: You wanted to work but were not allowed

CM Yogi Adityanath sent out a politically loaded comment saying that he would have been happy if SP leader Shivpal Yadav would have been the Leader of Opposition, the post currently occupied by his nephew and SP chief Akhilesh Yadav. Yogi made the statement after Shivpal claimed that he would have completed an array of irrigation projects in UP in 2016-17 itself had he been allowed to continue as a minister.

years. We are focusing on tapping the potential of the state for its advantage. The state constitutes 11-12% of the agricultural land in the country but produces 19-20% which can be increased three times," he said. The CM said 10 sectors have been identified for 'Mission \$1 trillion economy' and work is going on in this direction. "I wanted to discuss the one trillion dollar economy but the SP walked out when the sustainable development goals, poverty alleviation, education, health, uplift of farmers, empowerment of women were discussed for 36 hours. SP was missing, except Shivpal ji. The party is not interested in development which is why people rejected SP," he said.