

## **MoU signed between UP Govt and Gyeongsangbuk-do Province, Republic of Korea for cooperation in Educational, Economic and Cultural exchanges**

- ***UP Govt inks several MoUs with South Korean delegation***
- ***South Korean delegation meets Hon'ble Chief Minister Shri Yogi Adityanath for educational, economic and cultural exchange***
- ***MoUs signed in the presence of the Hon'ble Hon'ble Chief Minister and the Governor of GB Province of South Korea***
- ***Governor of GB Province lauds development works in UP***
- ***UP and South Korea's spiritual ties getting stronger once again after a gap of thousands of years: Shri Yogi Adityanath***

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The Govt of Uttar Pradesh and the Gyeongsangbuk-do province of the Republic of Korea signed a slew of Memoranda of Understanding (MoU) on Monday for strengthening educational, economic and cultural relations between both the provinces.

A high-level delegation led by Mr. Lee Cheolwoo, Governor of Gyeongsangbuk-do province of Republic of Korea (South Korea) reached Uttar Pradesh for the MoU signing ceremony which was held in the presence of Hon'ble Chief Minister Shri Yogi Adityanath.

On the behalf of the Uttar Pradesh Government the MoU was signed by Shri Manoj Kumar Singh, Infrastructure and Industrial Development Commissioner while Mr. Lee Youngseok, Director General, Bureau of Economic and Industrial Affairs, Gyeongsangbuk-do Province, represented the Korean side.

Hon'ble Chief Minister Shri Yogi Adityanath said that the MoU signed between Gyeongsangbuk-do province of South Korea and Uttar Pradesh is an important step towards enhancing bilateral cooperation. The exchange of expertise in various fields and the promotion of mutual investment will contribute to the prosperity and progress of two regions.

Welcoming the guests from South Korea, Hon'ble Chief Minister said, "The dates of Independence Day of both the countries are the same. Today India is celebrating the 'Azadi ka Amrit Mahotsav'. The relations between India and South Korea are old as both are members of the G-20".

He further added that two thousand years ago, Ayodhya's princess Shriratna was married to king Suro of Jimgwan, who traveled to South Korea by water route and was known as Heo Hwang. The symbol of the Jimgawan kingdom is the twin fish which is found in several historical monuments in the Awadh region of Uttar Pradesh, including Ayodhya.

Hon'ble Chief Minister informed that the foundation of the Queen Ho Memorial Park in Ayodhya was laid on November 6, 2018 in the presence of the first lady of South Korea, Kim Jung Sook and that its construction has been completed.

Referring to Hon'ble Prime Minister, Shri Narendra Modi's speech at the UN, Hon'ble Chief Minister said that many countries of the world have given war to humanity but Buddhist followers have deep respect for India. All the important places like Sarnath, Shravasti, Kushinagar, Kapilvastu, Sankisa, Kaushambi associated with Lord Buddha are in Uttar Pradesh.

He added that the International Airport has become operational in Kushinagar under the Buddhist Circuit, boosting investment and employment opportunities in this sector. Soon Shravasti will be connected with air service.

Hon'ble CM said that world's renowned electronic companies including Samsung and LG are considered to be born in South Korea's GB province. Similarly, Uttar Pradesh is the largest consumer center with a population of 250 million and is endowed with fertile Gangetic plains and abundant natural resources. Today UP is moving fast towards becoming a one trillion-dollar economy, he added further.

Uttar Pradesh being the birthplace of Ayurveda, Yoga, Naturopathy has endless possibilities of investment in different sectors.

Speaking on the occasion, Mr. Lee Cheolwoo, Hon'ble Governor of Gyeongsangbuk-do Province, expressed his gratitude for the warm welcome and expressed commitment to strengthening ties between Gyeongsangbuk-do and Uttar Pradesh. At the end of the program, the Hon'ble Chief Minister hosted a dinner in honour of the South Korean guests.

### **Highlights of the MoU**

- To encourage students from Uttar Pradesh to pursue higher education in universities located in Gyeongsangbuk-do
- Providing assistance to companies located in Gyeongsangbuk-do to increase hiring of workforce from Uttar Pradesh
- Promotion of Korean language education for the potential Uttar Pradesh workforce to be employed by companies in Gyeongsangbuk-do
- Support for the construction of a wellness center in Uttar Pradesh and facilitating the entry of relevant Indian companies into Gyeongsangbuk-do
- Starting the biennial Gyeongsangbuk-do Mela (GB-Mela) in Noida, UP, with the help of Uttar Pradesh Administration
- Facilitating mutual support for business exchanges and investments in various industrial sectors
- To encourage friendly relations between the two regions through cultural exchange
- A Memorandum of Understanding (MoU) was signed between the Government of Uttar Pradesh and Gyeongsangbuk-do Province, Republic of Korea here today to foster educational, economic, and cultural ties while facilitating growth and development in both regions.

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