

Plastic park to come up in state

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Lucknow: Home to over 10,000 plastic manufacturing companies, Uttar Pradesh can also be India's biggest consumer of plastic as per estimates from the Plastic Industry Association.

"The per capita plastic consumption in India and the globe is about 15 kg and 36 kg respectively. In that sense, we are not even 50% of the global average. This also amplifies the potential for growth to the plastic industry in India. The same holds true for UP where a plastic park has been planned by the government," said Deepak Balani of the association.

His observation was quoted at a review of the state's plastic park project convened by chief minister Yogi Adityanath here on Wednesday. It may be noted that the Yamuna Expressway Industrial Development Authority (YEIDA) board has approved development of a plastic proces-

sing park in its region. Units for processing, manufacturing and other related technology of plastic products will be set up in the plastic park, which will meet the plastic needs of not only Uttar Pradesh, but also the country and the world.

"UP's plastic park is essential to attend to the local needs which presently is being met through import. Once the market here saturates, UP can also become a global supplier," said an officer. In the future, numerous plastics industries will establish their facilities in this park which will provide several employment opportunities for the local youth. The park will see the Central Institute of Plastics Engineering and Technology coming up with its testing laboratory for research and recycling of plastics in this park. Several upcoming dedicated industrial parks in the YEIDA (near Jewar International Airport) witnessed a boom in the progress of industries.