

CM lauds UP's approach during Covid pandemic

Govt Signs MoU With Stanford Byers Centre

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Lucknow: Chief Minister Yogi Adityanath on Friday highlighted UP's success in managing Covid-19 and the innovations made during the pandemic to provide medical care to people.

Welcoming the US-based Stanford Byers Centre for Biodesign that signed an MoU with two health facilities in UP, including SGPGIMS in Lucknow and JIMS in Gautam Budh Nagar, under the UP Health Technology Summit-2023, the Chief Minister compared India with the US and said that despite having four times its population, India reported half the deaths that took place in the US during the pandemic.

The CM said if the skill and scale of India and the US were combined, it would lead to "exceptional results".

"India showed exceptional performance during the pandemic. UP is now providing excellent healthcare facilities in the state. During the pandemic period, SGPGI initiated the facility of virtual ICUs. If any problem occurred in any city across the state, a team from SGPGI reached there and provided relief. This is an excellent example of innovation," Yogi said. He also spoke about the efforts made by the government to control diseases like encephalitis and said between 1977



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and 2017, approximately 50,000 children in the state died due to the disease.

"However, in the last six years, we have achieved success in completely eliminating encephalitis. The health and other departments worked as a team to achieve this goal," he said.

The CM added that UP had also achieved success in controlling other water and vector-borne diseases like malaria, chikungunya and dengue.

He also appealed to Stanford to help connect the Sitapur eye hospital with technology, as the hospital is recognised worldwide for its facilities. He said the partnership between UP and the US would prove to be useful in promoting startups in the field of medical health.

Highlighting the emergence of startups in India

over the past nine years, Yogi said India has emerged as a new hub for unicorns and UP has made significant progress in this sector.

"Our government has established several startups under the state's startup policy, and we have provided various relaxations for their establishment and also made arrangements for their procurement," he said.

Assuring Stanford of full support from the government for this partnership with the IndUS Global Foundation, the CM said UP has a favourable environment for US innovations and startups.

"The IT and electronics department, along with prestigious institutions associated with the partnership programme, will also support this initiative so that positive results can be seen as soon as possible," he said.