

NITI Aayog report: UP bags overall 7th spot in exports

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Lucknow: UP has secured overall seventh spot in the country in terms of exports, according to the NITI Aayog's Export Preparedness Index 2022. Tamil Nadu, Maharashtra, Karnataka and Gujarat were the top four exporters (overall) followed by Haryana, Telangana and UP.


Achieving export value worth USD 21 billion, UP stood fifth in the country in absolute terms behind four coastal states. UP was on the sixth spot in the financial year 2021 rankings.

After evaluating policy framework, business ecosystem, export ecosystem and export performance as the primary parameters, the NITI Aayog released the countrywide export preparedness index on July 17.

The report also makes comparative analysis between coastal and landlocked states while noting that access to ports plays an important role in engagement in international trade.

In a good news for residents of Noida and Greater Noida, Gautambudhnagar figured among the top 10 export districts of the country, securing 9th spot.

Overall, the country generated export trade worth USD 676 billion during the 2021-22 financial year out of which goods trade accounted

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UP's overall ranking:		
2021-22	7th	
2020-21	6th	
Absolute export trade value ranking:		What Works For UP Export promotion policy, institutional framework, transport connectivity, ease of doing business
2021-22	5th	
2020-21	6th	
➤ Gautam Budh Nagar 9th among top export districts		Gaps To Fill Export ecosystem (special zones & parks), business ecosystem, infrastructure, export diversification

for USD 422 billion while services notched USD 254 billion. Consultants deputed for preparing the index mentioned some upsides from the state after their visit in key regions of Uttar Pradesh. These included better transport connectivity (overall third in the country), number of cold storage facilities (highest overall), increased registration of exporters, and increased export of ODOP and GI products, among others.

Export of mobile phones, meat and aluminium products contributed the most to total exports. To raise the bar further, the government is pushing senior officials to implement the district export action plan in key cities, exploit existing two dozen IT and pharma parks to maximum potential, organise trade fairs and exhibitions for entrepreneurs and facilitate

testing at affordable rates through NABL accredited laboratories.

On the downside, the consultants noted a significant gap in supply and demand of power to export-oriented industries, low foreign direct investment and decreased value addition within the manufacturing sector. UP also needs to set up more special economic zones or industrial clusters which provide incentives to the exporters.

Additional chief secretary, MSME and export promotion, Amit Mohan Prasad said, "The ranking reflects the scenario in Uttar Pradesh during 2021-22. Several initiatives are being taken to further improve the ecosystem and infrastructure to promote exports. We will launch UP's first international trade show in September which will be an annual affair from now on."