

# '5.5cr pulled out of poverty since '17'

## UP A Leading Economy In India Now: CM



Members of the World Bank team posing for a group photo in front of Vidhan Bhawan on Wednesday

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Sharing details of the development that has taken place in the state over the past six years, the CM said: "With planned efforts, UP has managed to shed its tag of a Bimaru state and has become a leading economy in the country."

Quoting the NITI Aayog data, the CM said that UP had managed to pull 5.5 crore people out of poverty since

2017. There are 96 lakh MSME units operating in UP which are not only providing employment but also making UP a hub of exports. "UP has doubled its exports in six years," he added.

"UP is home to 16% of India's population, making it the country's largest consumer and labour market. UP is also the centre of India's cultural and spiritual consciousness and is working to save its heritage and ancient citi-

es. It is a state of limitless possibilities and association with the World Bank will prove to be beneficial," Yogi said.

Speaking about the state government's target of making UP a trillion dollar economy, the CM said that UP was ready to play its role as the growth engine of India. "UP is not just a leading state in the country in terms of 'ease of doing business' but also for 'ease of living'," the

CM said.

"At least 2.6 crore toilets have been provided to people while 54 lakh people have been given houses under the Pradhan Mantri and Mukhy-

amantri Awas Yojana during the last six years. Another 6 crore families have been given health cover under the Ayushman Bharat Yojana," the CM said.