Agri, infra & technology to help UP achieve trillion dollar economy goal

Bid To Make State India's Food Basket

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Lucknow: The state government's plan to make Uttar Pradesh a trillion dollar economy in the next five years is based on nine core sectors, which include not just secondary sectors like manufacturing and construction but also the emerging ones like green energy, clean mobility and drone technology.

Chief secretary DS Mishra recently held a meeting with the representatives of the World Bank to discuss the strategy formulated by the state government to achieve the trillion dollar goal.

Representatives of Deloitte India, the consultant hired by the government for the mega project, informed the World Bank delegates that first step would be to establish UP as the food basket of India.

An official from Deloitte said a 'super app' would be developed for agriculture. There will also be a concerted push for start-ups based on agricultural technology.

Besides, dairy farmer produce organisations

Target $ 1 Trillion

(FPOs) will be encouraged while economically sustainable 'gaushala' model will be adopted. There is also a plan to establish poultry production clusters.

According to the official, in the second part of the strategy the government would work towards developing world-class industrial infrastructure in the state. Four special investment regions, GIS-based land bank, a logistic hub and multi-modal connectivity will be developed in UP. The government will also focus on dry ports and raw material banks.

"With around 95 lakh MSME units in the state, the highest in the country, this sector is promising to yield results with the right kind of attention. The government will develop industrial parks, create pledge parks, and set up export facilities. There will be special emphasis on linking items under One District, One Product Scheme with e-commerce platforms for a wider market," an official said.

"Sunrise sectors give the government huge scope for development, therefore, emerging fields like semiconductors and chips, aerospace and defence, green energy, clean mobility, and drone technology will be promoted by the government to push start-ups which can provide opportunities for both employment and self-employment," he said.

Another component of the strategy revolves around emerging tech clusters. Under this, different districts will be developed with distinct work. Lucknow will be developed as an AI city, Kanpur will focus on drones and robotics, Prayagraj and Varanasi will create research and development hotspots while Gautam Budh Nagar, which is already a developing data centre hotspot, will transform into an emerging tech and data centre hub.

"The government will also focus on developing tourist destinations. Special tourism investment regions will be identified and developed, along with sites of spiritual tourism. Work will also be carried out on digitising tourist assets and routes," the official said.

"The government will work to accelerate urbanisation, which includes beautification and development of cities. Around 100 townships will be built, and the infrastructure for water, garbage and solid waste management will be increased and improved. Municipal performance awards and mobility planning will also be introduced," he added.

Clean and quality power is another crucial part of the strategy which involves modernising distribution infrastructure and conceptualising 4 GW green energy transmission corridors and solar parks for industries.

"Recognising the significance of education in the context of building a one trillion dollar economy, there is a goal to make UP an educational hub as well. This includes the development of five education townships and proposal to establish a 'skill hub'. The plan envisages the development of over 5,000 model schools across the state," the official said.