

## UP witness fourfold FDI inflow in 5 yrs

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Uttar Pradesh has emerged as a hotbed for Foreign Direct Investment (FDI) in recent years, experiencing a remarkable upswing in foreign capital inflow. Data from the Department for Promotion of Industry and Internal Trade (DPIIT) and the Reserve Bank of India (RBI) reveals that the state has witnessed an astonishing fourfold increase in FDI between 2019 and June 2023, compared to the 17-year period from 2000 to 2017. Between 2000 and 2017, Uttar Pradesh attracted a meager Rs 3,000 crore foreign investments. However, in just five years, from 2019 to June 2023, the state has seen an influx of approximately Rs 11,000 crore in foreign investment, signaling a significant shift in the state's economic landscape. In a recent ranking of states based on FDI inflow, Uttar Pradesh secured the 11th position between October 2019 and June 2023. Notably, it surpassed 22 other states, including Punjab, Andhra Pradesh, Kerala, Madhya Pradesh, Himachal Pradesh, Bihar, Chandigarh, Goa and Chhattisgarh. The meteoric rise in FDI can be attributed to Uttar Pradesh's conducive business environment, bolstered by low crime rate, political stability and pro-industry policies. These factors have made the state an attractive destination for foreign investors, particularly from multinational corporations. The surge in FDI has been particularly pronounced in key sectors, including the service provider sector, computer software & hardware, mobile phone & technology, manufacturing sector, automobile, pharma, trading, chemical, energy and metal sector. The state's strategic focus on these sectors has been instrumental in attracting significant foreign capital. Industry experts and analysts anticipate that Uttar Pradesh is well on its way to securing a position among the top 10 states for FDI in India this year. Currently, it stands behind Maharashtra, Karnataka, Gujarat, Delhi, Tamil Nadu, Haryana, Telangana, Jharkhand, Rajasthan and West Bengal, which have been the frontrunners in attracting foreign investments. The substantial increase in FDI showcases Uttar Pradesh's growing economic prowess and highlights its commitment to fostering a business-friendly climate, which is poised to drive further economic development and job creation within the state.