

Top in ease of doing business, UP set to become state with largest economy: CM

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CM Yogi and MoS VK Singh during an event in Ghaziabad on Wednesday

Lucknow: Outlining the development in the state since the BJP took over the reins in 2017, Chief Minister Yogi Adityanath on Wednesday said that UP is among the top states in ease of doing business and the economy is poised to become the first or second largest in the country.

Speaking at a programme organised to celebrate 25 years of the Krishna Institute of Engineering and Technology in Ghaziabad, the CM said that before 2014, citizens of the country were angry with the system and there were massive protests across the country. "People did not have confidence in the then government, and anger and

anarchy prevailed on the streets. A clear change was observed when Narendra Modi became the PM. Today, 140 crore people of the country are looking up to the leadership with respect and trust," the CM said.

"Before 2017, youngsters from the state were hesitant in telling people that they belonged to UP. Festivals could not be celebrated peacefully

and instead of resolving problems, the government had itself become the biggest problem," he said.

"Now, there is no such issue. Even those who are not from the state claim they are from UP. We are among the top states in ease of doing business. We are currently seeing a new UP in a new India. Our economy is poised to become the first or second largest in the country," the CM said. He added that there was a time when nobody wanted to invest in UP and those who were already here wanted to leave. "In just six-and-a-half years, UP has received investment proposals of Rs 38 lakh crore," he added. Addressing the students on the need for reinvesting the co-

urse, the CM said that artificial intelligence was proving to be very beneficial in various works. "Keeping this in mind, new courses will have to be introduced in colleges. Technology is proving to be crucial in every sector, and not just in controlling corruption," he added.

"We will have to keep in mind that man operates technology and does not become servant to it. There are limitless possibilities in pharma parks and the government is working towards setting up a pharma park in UP. A defence corridor is being set up in Bundelkhand," the CM said. Earlier, he inaugurated a science exhibition and handed over degrees to 16 meritorious students of 2022 batch.