

# Khanna, Nandi to lead UP delegation to Davos summit

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**Lucknow:** Finance minister Suresh Khanna and industrial development minister Nand Gopal Gupta 'Nandi' will lead a state delegation to the World Economic Forum at Davos, Switzerland, in January.

A senior official said that "recognising UP's economic and industrial growth over the past few years", the state has been invited to participate in the global event, slated to be held from January 15-19, and Chief Minister Yogi Adityanath has nominated the two ministers to represent Uttar Pradesh. They will be accompanied by infrastructure and industrial development commissioner Manoj Kumar Singh and secretary to the CM, Amit Singh.

"The World Economic Forum is one of the most prestigious events held across the world and this visit will not



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only provide an opportunity to showcase the strengths, attributes and achievements of UP on a global platform but will also give a platform to the delegation to interact with influential decision makers and enhance the prestige of the state," said the official. The state delegation has been tasked with highlighting the improvements in UP over the past six and a half years, with a focus on the state's economic and industrial development. The official said that by creating confidence among investors from all over the world, they can be attracted towards UP. The team will also speak about govern-

ment initiatives to improve the standard of living in UP and its investor friendly policies. Yogi Adityanath's proposal to develop UP as a USD 1 trillion economy by 2027 will also be discussed at the event.

"To achieve this, focus is being placed on key areas like manufacturing, IT and ITES, religious tourism, agriculture. There is also special focus on sectors like energy, health, urban development, education, food processing and MSMEs. To achieve the target of USD 1 trillion dollar economy, it has been planned to develop major metros of the state as hubs of various sectors. Preparations are underway to make Lucknow the country's first 'AI City'," the official said, adding that a detailed action plan has been prepared by identifying different sectors and emphasis is being laid on completing projects within the stipulated time.