

UP tops in attracting corporate investment'

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LUCKNOW : Governor Anandiben Patel has said that Uttar Pradesh held the top position in the country in the successful implementation of 45 central and state government schemes, on Friday.

Addressing both Houses of the state legislature in the Vidhan Sabha Hall, she also quoted a Reserve Bank of India study to make her point that U.P. was on the top in attracting private corporate investment in the state.

"Today, Uttar Pradesh holds the top position in the country for the successful implementation of over schemes run by the central and state governments and is leading in the country in various schemes and sectors," said the governor while listing various schemes.

"According to a study by the Reserve Bank of India, Uttar Pradesh ranks first in the country in attracting private investment," said the governor. She said the state government has announced the country's first special investment promotion policy for foreign direct investment (FDI) and Fortune 55 companies.

She said Uttar Pradesh has emerged as an 'achiever' state in both ease-of-doing business and ease-of-logistics rankings.

About the agriculture sector, she said, "With the cooperation of the Israeli government, it has been decided to establish the Centre of Excellence for Fruits in Kaushambi district and the Centre of Excellence for Vegetables in Chandauli.

'16 unserved dists to get medical colleges'

Forty-five districts of the state have been covered by 66 medical colleges under the 'One District One Medical College Scheme', while medical colleges are being set up in 16 unserved districts on the PPP model, the governor said.

In all, 1.80 crore families are covered under Ayushman Bharat Yojana and Mukhyamantri Jan Arogya Abhiyan, while Ayushman cards of 4.86 crore beneficiaries have been made. Till January 19, 2024, 31.88 lakh beneficiaries have received free treatment worth Rs 4,677 crore in the state.

The number of MBBS seats in the government sector has seen an increase from 1,840 to 3,828, while in the private sector, the number has grown from 2,550 to 5,250. Consequently, there are now a total of 9,078 seats.

The number of PG seats in the government sector has been raised from 741 to 1,543. In the private sector, it has increased from 480 to 1,775. Thus, a total of 3,318 PG seats are available. Similarly, there has been a notable increase from 120 seats in the year 2016 to 250 seats in super specialty.

'Kayakalp' of education sector

The 'School Chalo Abhiyan' resulted in an increase in student enrolment by over 40 lakhs in six years, said Anandiben Patel. The enrolment has now reached 1.92 crore.

She said, "Under Operation Kayakalp, 93% of 1,32,594 council schools in the state have been equipped with 19 basic infrastructure facilities while 925 council schools in the state have been included in the PM SHRI Yojana. Also, 57 Mukhyamantri Model Composite Schools have been approved to provide an excellent educational environment."

She said, "Under the Project Alankar scheme, an amount of Rs 500 crore has been sanctioned for significant construction projects in government schools. So far, Rs 357 crore has been transferred to 1,349 schools in 59 districts. For expansion and strengthening of infrastructure in secondary schools, a provision of Rs 17,117 crore was made in the fiscal 2023-24."