

Digital tech being used extensively in first phase of fiscal reform: Yogi

'Vast Potential For Religious Tourism In UP'

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Lucknow: Chief minister Yogi Adityanath on Monday said that UP has a lot of potential in various fields and the govt is using digital technology to bring about economic reforms.

Speaking at a meeting to review state's USD 1 trillion dollar economy project, the CM said that the unemployment rate, which was 6.2% in 2017-18, had come down to 2.4% currently with the share of women in the labour force going up from 13.5% in 2017-18 to 31.2% in 2022-23.

"UP has a lot of potential. It has a huge landbank. There are adequate water resources and fertile land. Digital technology is being used extensively in the first phase of economic reform, like digital crop surveys. State-level schemes have delivered promising outcomes in bolstering the state's self-reliance in pulses and oilseed production," the CM said.

According to the data



Chief Minister Yogi Adityanath chairing a high-level meeting in Lucknow on Monday

provided by the government, pulse production increased by 9.2% in 2023-24, peanut production by 28.8% and milk production by 11.92%. The CM said that there was a need to further diversify crops and provide better supply chain management.

Under industrialisation of the state, MoUs worth Rs 12.7 lakh crore have been signed in the manufacturing sector alone, the CM said. Industrial power consumption had increased by 6.8%, signifying additional units had been functioning. New industrial corridors are being established while work has started on setting up 44 new townships.

For further improvement, the CM said, district income estimates should be prepared in a better way for the correct assessment of the unorganised sector.

Tertiary sector services like hotels and restaurants, transportation, communication, real estate, professional services, public services, defence etc are witnessing a rapid growth, the chief minister said, and added that as per a report of the Union ministry of tourism, UP emerged as the state with the highest tourist arrivals in 2022.

"The state holds vast potential for religious tourism. This sector has witnessed

significant transformations over the past seven years, leading to an unprecedented increase in tourist footfall. This surge in tourism will greatly aid local economies. Preparations are underway for Prayagraj Mahakumbh in 2025, which is anticipated to draw crores of visitors and significantly impact the state's economy. Devise a plan to attract not just domestic tourists, but foreign tourists as well," the CM said.

The state has also reported an increase of 36.7% in the registration of commercial vehicles, between 2022-23 and 2023-24.

The state's share in the

total registered vehicles in the country is 12.7%. The CM has asked for policy efforts to increase this further.

He has also asked officials to look at increasing both private and public investments in the state. Out of investment proposals of Rs 40 lakh crore received during the Global Investors Summit, projects worth more than Rs 10 lakh crore have been implemented. The CM said that the remaining MoUs must be reviewed and preparations made to hold the next groundbreaking ceremony soon.

To ensure that there is sufficient availability of land, the CM has asked all development authorities to mark land which has been allotted but is not being used. 'Sick Units' are to be identified and their proper utilisation must be ensured.

"The target of every department for the USD 1 trillion economy has been fixed. Continuous review of its progress is necessary. A monthly progress review should be done by the planning department with ministers and heads of departments. One sector should be reviewed every week at the chief secretary level," the CM said.