

'Gorakhpur is a land of immense biz opportunities'



Right to left: Principal secretary AK Sagar, Gallant Group CMD CP Agarwal, moderator Richa Anirudh and CP Milk and Food Products MD Anuj Agarwal

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Lucknow: Gorakhpur is a land of immense economic opportunities and will steer UP towards robust growth. This was the view shared by the panellists in the session 'Decoding the growth story of Gorakhpur'.

Principal secretary, infrastructure and industrial development department, AK Sagar said state govt has invested Rs 20,000 crore in Gorakhpur in the last five years and changes are visible on the ground. "In the next 10 years, there are immense possibilities to be explored in Gorakhpur. At present, various sectors are operational such as readymade garment and plastic park. Gorakhpur Industrial Development Authority has sufficient available land on both sides of the Gorakhpur Link Expressway. In future, green energy, information technology, textile, plastic park and food industry will possibly attract more investments," he said.

"More startups too would

flourish here. A startups in adjoining Kushinagar, where banana fibre is used to manufacture disposable plates and cups, has contacted GIDA for land. Once the IT Park gets ready, youth won't have to go to Bengaluru and hyderabad for jobs in the IT sector," he said.

Anuj Agarwal, managing director of CP Milk and Food Products Private Limited, too, reiterated that govt is making efforts to support the startups. There are, of course, challenges in execution but govt intent is strong, he said.

CP Agarwal, the CMD of Gallant Group, said, "One can observe the transformation of Gorakhpur from the fact that 45 years ago there was just one hotel and now we have an international chain like Marriott and there are 100 restaurants in the city. Infrastructure, expansion and quality of life has improved."

Agarwal added that for Gorakhpur to have a result oriented roadmap there should be easy transport facility too.