

UP heading towards 'digital kranti': Mantri

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Lucknow: The state minister for information technology and electronics, Sunil Kumar Sharma said on Friday the IT sector would have a major share in UP's journey towards one trillion-dollar economy.

Addressing the Economic Times 'Digital Uttar Pradesh Conclave' in Lucknow, Sharma said, "Until a few years ago, a nation possessing nuclear power was considered a superpower, but today a country could be called most powerful when it is ahead in IT and electronics innovation, with its economy based on data. In UP's journey towards the one trillion-dollar

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economy, IT sector would have a major share. UP is on the way towards digital kranti."

Themed around 'Unlimited Potential in e-Governance & Technology Transformation', the conclave had deliberations on the latest trends, innovations and strategies in IT-ITeS, electronics manufacturing, e-governance & AI alchemy sectors that are fueling the fast-growing economy of UP.

Sharma said, "UP is making attempts to create an ecosystem to develop IT hubs. Semiconductor, which is found in almost every instrument of day-to-day life, is the backbone of any econo-



(Left to right): Bhuvnesh Kumar, additional secretary at Union MeitY; Manoj Kumar Singh, agriculture production commissioner, infrastructure & industrial development commissioner UP; Sunil Kumar Sharma, state minister for information technology and electronics; Awanish Awasthi advisor to UP CM; and Neha Jain, special secretary, IT & electronics department UP during the event on Friday

my. UP too is focusing on semiconductor manufacturing on its soil with Rs 40,000 crore investment. Four companies have shared their proposal to set up semiconductor manufacturing units in UP."

"After Gujarat, UP is the most preferred destination for investment. During the global investors summit, 68 MoUs were signed to generate 1.5 lakh jobs in the IT related sector. We have created a single window system to attract investment. Over 12,000 start-ups are working in UP out of 5,000 are being run by women," he said. He added, "As a country, we are way ahead in digital transactions due to UPI. We have the largest internet users bases. We will also move ahead in adopting AI technology."

Deputy CM Brajesh Pathak said: "Now we are hea-

ding towards the AI era after successfully leading the world in UPI, which made payment between parties seamless and quick." "UP is quick to adopt technology and has a good implementation record. For instance, we are number one in generating Ayushman Bharat cards for hassle free and cashless treatment."

The UP govt is set to use AI for land consolidation. The technology is expected to be beneficial for farmers.

Minister of state for social welfare, Asim Arun said: "The govt is responsible for framework and creating a healthy environment where innovation is encouraged. Innovation fundamentally belongs to the private sector, the core of business innovation must come from the private sector."