

CM: Pvt players should push 'one dist, one university' plan

Govt Aims To Increase GER To 50% By '35

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Lucknow: After achieving the goal of one division, one university, chief minister Yogi Adityanath on Tuesday directed the higher education department officials to go for a one district, one university policy.

Chairing a meeting, Yogi asked officials to form a policy to encourage private investment. "Over the past seven years, one university per



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division has been achieved, with universities established in all 18 divisions. Construction is ongoing in several divisions. Now, the focus should shift to achieving one university per district," he said.

Currently, there are universities in 35 districts. Yogi

said the private sector can significantly contribute to the state's vision of taking higher education to all districts by setting up universities.

The CM said that with increasing demand for higher education, private investment can significantly bolster govt efforts to expand access. This would increase the number of institutions, courses, and seats available to students and enhance the quality of education and research.

As the youngest state in India, UP has a unique position in the higher education sector. With an average age of 21 years, which is expected to rise to 26 years by 2030, UP

will contribute 16.5% to India's youth population, he said. Currently, the state's gross enrolment rate (GER) is 25.6%, which needs to increase to 50% by 2035 according to the National Education Policy (NEP). A policy promoting private investment can help bridge this gap, Yogi said.

He directed officials to examine the policies related to private investment in higher education of other states, engage with stakeholders, and quickly develop and present a higher education promotion policy. The new policy should include incentives for investors, such as exemptions in stamp duty and capital subsidies.