

New clusters for industries to boost exports: CM Yogi

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Chief Minister Yogi Adityanath said that western and eastern UP each account for 40% of the



state's population but while the west contributes 50% of the state's agricultural production, eastern UP's share is only 28%. "Bundelkhand, which holds 7% of the state's population, contributes just 5.5% to agriculture production. Our goal with this project should be to develop agricultural food system in these regions in a climate-resilient and commercially viable manner," he added.

A govt spokesperson said, "Under UP-AGREES scheme, efforts will be made to increase crop productivity and develop clusters for crops like groundnut, chilli, and green peas. New clusters for related industries will also be devel-

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oped to boost exports." He said that the project, initiated with the help of World Bank, aims to offer comprehensive technical assistance and infrastructure access to farmers, farmer producer organisations (FPOs), and agricultural entrepreneurs.

The CM emphasized the need to increase credit flow in agriculture and encourage greater participation of women's groups in agriculture and food processing.

UP-AGREES project will be implemented in 21 districts of eastern UP and 7 districts of Bundelkhand. The project will provide direct assistance to 10 lakh farmers, including 30% women farmers, and support over 1 lakh fishermen families.