## UP-AGREES project to boost crop production, agri activities: CM Yogi

Lucknow: The state govt is set to launch the Uttar Pradesh Agriculture Growth and Rural Enterprise Ecosystem Strengthening (UP-AGREES) project to rejuvenate the agriculture sector and encourage agriculture-based industries.

The wider blueprint of the project was drawn on Monday during a meeting of Chief Minister Yogi Adityanath with the officials of the World Bank.

"Uttar Pradesh, with over 187.7 lakh hectares of agricultural land, is the only state where farming is practised on 76% of the total available land," the CM said.

Highlighting that the state boasts of over 86% of irrigated land, he said: "In the last 7 years, planned efforts have boosted crop producti-



Chief Minister Yogi Adityanath during a meeting with officials of the World Bank on Monday

vity across the state. However, there is still much work to be done in Bundelkhand, Purvanchal, and Vindhya regions. UP benefits from nine agro-climatic zones, and the new project should adopt a strategy that promotes crop production and other agricultural activities tailored to these climatic zones." TNN

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