

Goyal: Focus on skill devpt, ease of biz made UP pride of India

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He emphasised the state govt's commitment to skill development, stating that rise in skilled employment was benefiting entrepreneurs. "The effective implementation of central schemes by Yogi govt is noteworthy," he added.

Goyal further pointed out that the state's focus on skill development, improving ease of doing business and developing smart cities had made UP pride of the nation.

UP cabinet minister of micro, small and medium enterprises, khadi and village industries, handloom and textiles, Rakesh Sachan, said the current atmosphere in the state was attracting investors. He said, "In 2017, ex-



Union commerce and industry minister Piyush Goyal at ITS on Saturday

ports stood at only Rs 88,000 crore, but today that figure has more than doubled. Govt has set an ambitious target of reaching Rs 3 lakh crore in exports within the next two years. The growth is driven by MSMEs and the One District One Product (ODOP) initiative. Under Yogi's leadership, the state is creating new avenues for de-

velopment across all sectors, including law and order, infrastructure, rail connectivity and new airports."

He added that policies implemented by state govt in 2022 would benefit entrepreneurs, positioning UP as both an 'Udyam Pradesh' and 'Uttam Pradesh,' with the aim of achieving a 1-trillion-dollar economy by 2025.