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Yogi Says 7L Got Govt Jobs In 7 yrs

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"Investment proposals of Rs 40 lakh crore were received during last year's Global Investors Summit, bearing testimony to the growing interest of investors from across the globe in UP. These proposals not only signify the state's progress but also narrate its transformative development journey," the CM said.

Comparing the current situation in UP with that under previous govts, the CM said that the state was known for riots, criminal gangs, political corruption, and governance issues. This led to a crisis for young people who faced a lack of jobs, respect, and security while festivals and celebra-

tions were marked by fear. In contrast, the state is now free from riots and lawlessness, and those who hesitated to invest in UP or were looking for ways to leave the state are seeking new opportunities here.

He informed the audience that groundbreaking for projects worth Rs 12 lakh crore out of Rs 40 lakh crore has already taken place, while investment proposals of Rs 10 lakh crore are ready to take off. These investments, he said, have opened up several job opportunities for the state's youth, and UP is aiming to achieve an econo-

my of USD 1 trillion by 2029.

The turnaround, the CM said, is a result of favourable policies, ease of doing business, and the govt's zero-tolerance approach to crime.

"Today, no criminal or mafia can evade the law. The state is committed to swift action against any threats to law and order. This secure environment has made UP an attractive destination for investors and tourists alike," the CM said.

Listing out some of the reforms, the CM said that UP now has 28 separate invest-

ment policies, each tailored for various sectors. For the first time, the state has streamlined the process by issuing 450 NOCs through a single-window system, while the Sarathi portal provides online support and incentives to investors.

The results of these changes, the CM said, are evident. Where young people once had to search far and wide for employment, they are now able to find jobs in their own districts. Over the past 7.5 years, the state provided 7 lakh govt jobs, while the private sector offered employment to lakhs.