

'Solve investment, land acquisition cases'

CM Lays Out Roadmap To \$1 Trillion Goal

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Lucknow: Appreciating the progress made by different sectors in UP towards becoming a USD 1 trillion economy in the next five years, CM Yogi Adityanath on Friday said govt's efforts were delivering "unexpected results."

The estimated GVA for agriculture and allied sectors was Rs 5.98 lakh crore, exceeding the target of Rs 5.85 lakh crore, while manufacturing reached Rs 2.79 lakh crore, surpassing the Rs 2.48 lakh crore target. Transportation, storage, and communication saw a remarkable 129% increase compared to the estimated GVA, he said. "In 2023-24, the state recorded a Compounded An-



Chief minister Yogi Adityanath presenting a book on Maha Kumbh, written by Vivekanand Tiwari, to Governor Anandiben Patel on Friday

nual Growth Rate (CAGR) of approximately 16%, which is promising. Our target for the current year is 25%, and all departments must intensify their efforts to achieve this goal. Our objectives are clear, and it will require collaborative action to implement effective policies and strategies," he said.

"The contribution of all

departments is crucial to achieving the USD 1 trillion target. This is an ambitious goal, and last year's report card reflects the proactive efforts of the departments. Regular monitoring is essential. To facilitate this, a nodal officer should be appointed in each department to conduct weekly review meetings, with fortnightly re-

views at the Principal Secretary level and monthly reviews at the departmental minister level," the CM said.

Focusing on the agriculture sector, the CM said the need to improve the seed ecosystem, including initiatives such as establishing seed parks. He also highlighted the importance of crop diversification, encouraging the cultivation of pulses, oilseeds, and millets. Similarly, substantial efforts were required to double the growth rate of grain, fruit, and vegetable production through initiatives like the 'per block, one crop.'

He pointed out that the rapid growth of the manufacturing sector was encouraging, but to meet future demands, efforts to expand the land bank, implement policy reforms, and enhance the ease of doing business must be intensified.

"Land will be crucial for industrial projects. We have already arranged to utilize Gram Samaj land for indus-

trial development and MSMEs. The land pooling policy requires further refinement. Identify land that was allocated but remains unused and make informed decisions regarding its future. We must also identify sick units and determine the appropriate actions for their revitalisation," he said.

Directing officials to resolve all investment and land acquisition-related cases, the CM said that District Magistrates would be held accountable for any delays. He further emphasised the importance of increasing both private and public investment in the state, urging officials to promote UP's unique selling propositions and enhance investor outreach efforts.

The energy sector, he said, must focus on future needs and there was a need to enhance the state's solar energy capacity and expand the coverage of the PM Surya Ghar Yojana throughout the state.

Discussing the role of the tertiary sector, the CM noted that over 62 crore tourists have visited the state so far this year, which will significantly benefit the local economy. He said that the Prayagraj Maha Kumbh, scheduled for next year, was expected to have a substantial impact on the entire state's economy. The CM also stressed the need to work on branding centres like Nainisharanya and Vindhyadham while promoting the Buddhist circuit in relevant countries. Recently, the IT sector was designated as an industry, with Gautam Buddha Nagar emerging as a global hub for IT/ITES. The CM said the need to establish an IT/ITES testing centre in the state. Land for an AI City had been identified in Lucknow, and proposals for drone manufacturing had been received. He also suggested that facilitation offices for start-up registration should be established in both Noida and Kanpur.