

CM moots dedicated logistics div in state

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Lucknow: Emphasising the importance of developing a robust policy framework for the logistics sector in the state at an internal meeting, Chief Minister Yogi Adityanath on Tuesday proposed the establishment of a dedicated logistics division to formalise the state logistics plan.

“This division will be responsible for regularly monitoring the progress of initiatives under the plan,” the CM said in the meeting after underscoring the need for a comprehensive transport infrastructure and traffic plan to ensure smooth last-mile delivery. “There should be a scheme that supports warehousing and other terminal infrastructure in the state, while also establishing a safe and robust logistics regulatory ecosystem. In this context, an integrated state logistics plan should be developed,” he said.

The CM was apprised that UP’s improvement in the Union govt’s LEADS ranking into an ‘achiever state’ was an outcome of consistent efforts. The CM said: “Efforts must continue to attract investment



Chief Minister Yogi Adityanath during a review meeting on Tuesday

in the logistics sector and create a conducive environment for establishing warehousing facilities in the state. An institutional mechanism is essential for the effective management of this sector.”

The CM also underscored the importance of identifying economic hubs and aggregation points for agricultural produce and products within the state. “Addressing logistical challenges, enhancing connectivity through the integration of road, air, water and rail networks and expanding the state’s storage capacity are critical steps,” he added.

He stressed that the state logistics plan should prioritise minimising losses due to theft, arson, or other disruptions. “An ecosystem must be fostered to ensure minimal inspection and uninterrupted movement of goods on roads,” the CM said. He emphasised the adoption of technology to ensure the safe movement and real-time tracking of cargo. He called for expanding skill deve-

lopment and training facilities related to the logistics sector across the state.

Highlighting the demand-supply gap for trained drivers, he directed the customisation of training programmes to equip individuals with industry-specific skills. While discussing the proposed State Logistics Plan, the CM pointed out the shortage of designated truck parking spaces, which contributes to traffic congestion. He noted that issues such as heavy traffic, encroachments, construction activities, no-entry zones and inadequate railway crossing bridges disrupt the smooth movement of goods. He emphasised the need for facilities like rest and parking areas for long-distance truck drivers, stating: “Permanent solutions to these challenges should be integrated into the new scheme.”

Industries department minister Nand Gopal Gupta Nandi, chief secretary Manoj Kumar Singh and other officials attended the meeting.