

# French group eyes investment opportunities in Uttar Pradesh

Def, Pharma,  
Education  
Main Sectors

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**Lucknow:** A French delegation led by French ambassador Thierry Mathou met CM Yogi Adityanath on Monday. The discussions between the two groups focused on potential MoUs and investments in UP's defence, pharma, and education sectors.

Assuring the French delegation of full support for their investments in the state, Yogi proposed they could invest especially in NCR, Bundelkhand, and the defence sector. Enthusiastic about investing in the state, citing the



CM Yogi Adityanath with French ambassador Thierry Mathou

state's 60% youth demographic as a key advantage, Ambassador Mathou spoke about the importance of strengthening the trade and cultural partnership between UP and France. The delegation also expressed interest in collaborating on IT corridors, smart cities, and cultural development initiatives in the state.

"Discussions also included enhancing bilateral relations, increasing investments, exploring renewable energy opportunities, and

expanding the footprint of French companies in UP. Ambassador Mathou also elaborated on ongoing research in France on India's ancient culture and history," said a govt spokesperson.

The CM highlighted the significance of ancient manuscripts and historical do-

cuments preserved at the Sampurnanand University in Varanasi, underlining the importance of educational and cultural collaboration. Both sides agreed to enhance bilateral cooperation in education, culture, and trade sectors.

"The CM also emphasised

the importance of collaboration in the defence sector; the establishment of a Maintenance, Repair, and Overhaul hub at Noida airport, and investment opportunities in the Pharma Park being developed by the Bundelkhand Industrial Development Authority," the spokesman said.