

UP and UAE explore sectors to boost ties at WEF summit

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Lucknow: On the third day of the World Economic Forum (WEF) 2025 summit in Davos, key discussions were held between the UP govt official delegation and Abdulla Bin Touq Al Marri, minister of economy of the United Arab Emirates (UAE), an official spokesperson said on Friday. UP was represented by CM's secretary Amit Singh and director of UP new and renewable energy development agency, Anupam Shukla.

"The meeting focused on exploring opportunities to strengthen ties between UP and the UAE, with an emphasis on private sector investments in sectors like logistics, infrastructure development and agriculture with an emphasis on food processing," officials said, adding that the discussions highlighted collaboration in agriculture, supported by improved infrastructure and enhanced air connectivity through the upcoming Noida international airport at Jewar.

Mentioning that agriculture remained a key aspect of



LOOKING FORWARD: Secretary to CM, Amit Singh (2nd from right) met with minister of economy of United Arab Emirates, Abdulla Bin Touq Al Marri, to discuss various areas of collaboration for private investments including logistics and infrastructure

the UP-UAE relationship, with UP being a leading producer of vegetables and fruits, the spokesperson said that the upcoming Jewar airport is set to facilitate these exports, further boosting agricultural trade.

Adding that a major part of the discussion also revolved around skill certification for youth from UP going to the UAE for jobs, the spokesperson said: "The UAE is a major employer of manpower from the state. In the meeting, it was emphasised that there is a need for streamlining skill certification programmes so

that the skill gap in the people going from UP can be identified and they can be made industry-ready along with valid certifications from the state govt having acceptance in the UAE."

They also said that the UAE expressed a keen interest in infrastructure projects across UP. With a focus on boosting the state's infrastructure, private companies and funds in the UAE would be eager to participate in various state infrastructure projects, encompassing everything from transportation to urban development.