

UP-AGREES project to boost agri yield

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Lucknow: Chief minister Yogi Adityanath inaugurated the UP Agriculture Growth and Rural Enterprise Ecosystem Strengthening (UP-AGREES) project in collaboration with the World Bank on Tuesday.

The project aims to improve agricultural yield, which is anticipated to rise from 10 quintals to 14-15 quintals per acre. The UP-AGREES project is being implemented to enhance agricultural productivity through the identification of key sectors and the improvement of major crops. Un-

der this initiative, specific agricultural products will be developed along with improvements in post-harvest management and the establishment of a market support system. The programme will

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also focus on developing local infrastructure and generating employment. The CM said that currently UP ranks third in the country in the export of foodgrains and the UP-AGREES project will serve as a milestone for advancing the state's export potential. "This initiative marks a positive start for farmers and others working in the

agriculture sector. The project, valued at Rs 4,000 crore, secured a loan of Rs 2,737 crore from the World Bank, with the state govt contributing Rs 1,666 crore," he said.

The CM also laid the foundation stone for a greenfield manufacturing unit by Chempack India at UPEIDA's Integrated Manufacturing and Logistics Cluster in Unnao. The project will see an investment of Rs 1,300 crore.

In addition to this, a Memorandum of Understanding was signed between the state govt and UAE's Aqua Bridge for an investment of approximately Rs 4,000 crore to modernise the fisheries sector.