

UP partners with WB for ₹4K-cr agri enterprise project

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Lucknow: The UP govt on Monday signed an MoU with the World Bank and the centre's economic affairs department for the 'Uttar Pradesh agriculture growth and rural enterprise ecosystem strengthening project'. Chief secretary Manoj Singh signed the MoU with country director of the World Bank, Auguste Tano Kouame.

The project is worth Rs 4,000 crore, of which Rs 3,000 crore will be a loan from the World Bank. This loan will be repaid over 35 years with a moratorium of about seven years.

Singh said the project will be implemented in 28 districts, including 21 in eastern UP and seven in Bundelkhand. Efforts will be made to raise productivity in these districts to match the national average. "There are immense possibilities in the fisheries sector, which is included in the plan with the aim of bringing transformative changes by incorporating new technology. UP pro-

CS reviews preps for fruit, flower show

Lucknow: Chief secretary Manoj Kumar Singh on Monday reviewed preparations for the 'State fruit, vegetable and flower exhibition-2025' to be organised in Feb. The individual category entry fee for home gardens has been set at Rs 50, while for govt, semi-govt institutions and public parks, it will be Rs 100. For the garden category, the fees will be Rs 100 and Rs 200 respectively. Entry to the exhibition will be free for all schoolchildren, while other visitors will be charged Rs 10 per person. TNN

duces 40 million tons of fruits and vegetables annually. To increase farmers' income, there is a need to export these agricultural and horticultural products to developed countries," he said, adding that an export processing area will be developed near Jewar airport. He said that UP was making the country's first attempt to establish a system for exporting products abroad via cargo planes.