

# U.P. to conduct economic census digitally to speed up growth

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**LUCKNOW:** The Uttar Pradesh government proposes to launch the Eighth Economic Census 2025-26 to ensure inclusive development and achieve the goal of making the state a trillion-dollar economy, according to a press release.

The state government, by collecting data, aims at framing targeted policies and welfare schemes to uplift all sections of the society and foster statewide growth.

Chief minister Yogi Adityanath has directed officials to formulate a comprehensive plan for the Eighth Economic Census (2025-26). The state government envisions this census not merely as a data collection exercise but as a transformative tool to drive economic growth, said the press release.

The census will be conducted digitally to ensure

accuracy and efficiency as per the chief minister's directives. A web-based mobile application is being developed to facilitate real-time data verification, monitoring, and analysis, ensuring transparency and informed policymaking.

This digital approach will help assess the status of enterprises, self-employed individuals, workers, and small traders, thereby enhancing the effectiveness of government schemes.

The government plans to deploy 17,000 enumerators and 6,000 supervisors for the census. Local youth will be trained and integrated into the initiative, not only ensuring precise economic data collection but also creating employment and skill development opportunities.

The government has decided to include women enumerators in the Eighth Economic Census 2025-26, promoting their active partici-

pation. By offering technical training, data collection skills, and digital platform opportunities, the Yogi government is empowering women and advancing their self-reliance.

This digital economic census will also serve as a milestone in recognising small entrepreneurs and businesses in UP. By documenting the contributions of micro, small, and medium enterprises (MSMEs), the initiative aims to elevate them to national and international platforms.

The Yogi government is developing a multi-layered monitoring system for the economic census, incorporating district magistrates, district statistical officers, and an IT expert team.

IT specialists will ensure data accuracy and authenticity through advanced digital systems. This initiative aims at bridging the economic gap between rural and urban areas.