

# UP transforming as 'Sarvottam Pradesh', says Nandi

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**Lucknow:** State minister of industrial development, export promotion Nand Gopal Gupta Nandi on Monday said that India is preferred globally as investment destination and within India, Uttar Pradesh is leading the way.

Speaking at a day-long workshop on PM Gati Shakti National Master Plan for infrastructure and economic development, Nandi highlighted the importance of the PM Gati Shakti Master Plan in the planning and execution of development projects and the role of Uttar Pradesh in it.

Organised jointly by Invest UP, in collaboration with BISAGN (MeitY), the event focused on insights, case studies, and best practices for using the Gati Shakti platform for compre-



Export promotion minister Nand Gopal Gupta Nandi at a day-long workshop on PM Gati Shakti National Master Plan

hensive economic and social sector planning.

"UP, with its robust infrastructure including the largest railway network, expressways, and operational international airports, is transforming its landlocked status into a strategic advantage, making it a prefer-

red investment destination. India is a globally preferred investment destination and within India, Uttar Pradesh is leading the way," Nandi said.

"With investor-friendly policies under the leadership of Chief Minister Yogi Adityanath, the state is transitioning from 'Uttam Pradesh' to 'Sarvottam Pradesh'," he added.

Minister for science and technology, Anil Kumar, focused on the holistic economic and social sector planning enabled by PM Gati Shakti.

"The master plan is a powerful tool for improving connectivity and attracting investments, which will enhance the competitiveness of both the state and the nation. PM Gati Shakti will propel UP toward becoming a trillion-dollar economy by strengthening infrastructure and connectivity," Kumar said. Secretary, infrastruc-

ture and industrial development, and CEO of Invest UP, Abhishek Prakash, said that the initiative aimed for seamless multimodal connectivity and holistic infrastructure planning across India, focusing on identifying infrastructure gaps and integrating data layers for better decision-making.

Principal secretary, external aided projects and science and technology department, Pandhari Yadav underscored the importance of maximizing limited resources, ensuring data accuracy, and maintaining a dynamic, regularly updated databank.

Deputy secretary, department for promotion of industry and internal trade (DPIIT), MeITY, Ramesh Verma lauded UP as the leading state in the implementation of the Gati Shakti initiative.