

# Yogi's development model and 8 yrs of self-sustaining growth

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Rarely a state in India would have transformed with such a rapid pace in a short duration of just eight years.

Earlier, Uttar Pradesh was known for its lawlessness, misfortune, helplessness and lack of political drive with rapidly growing burden of population and retrogressive development strategies. Uneasy calm among different social groups and poor management of polity and society were disturbing features.

It used to be a foregone conclusion that Uttar Pradesh would never

make its place on the national stage and was hence referred to as 'Ulta Pradesh'.

All this is now a thing of the past due to the dedicated initiative and leadership of the energetic Chief Minister Yogi Adityanath.

Transformation has now become self-sustaining. It has been due to strong leadership of CM Yogi who brought about a change in a manner that requires consistency and pooling of energy, resources, motivation and fight against long standing barriers of the past.

Yogi has made UP a fast-emerging investment destination where major investors from various sectors in India and abroad are now flocking to Uttar Pradesh. As a result, the Global Investors Summit

succeeded with signing of MoUs worth over Rs 44 lakh crore.

Broadly, there were eleven big leaps that helped in transforming the state's economy to the extent that now it has shed its ignominious tag of a BIMARU state. UP is now being considered a model emulated by other states.

During his first tenure as Chief Minister, Yogi focused



on eleven steps. He developed a system of providing benefits of various welfare schemes to the poor and marginalized in such a manner that these reach them without leakage.

He shut down the transfer-posting industry that lowered the morale of dedicated officials. He also made it a point to free governance from discrimination so that the benefits of the initiatives reach stakeholders without discrimination in terms of caste, religion or region.

The Yogi govt also took bold and consistent initiatives to free the state from criminals, mafia and anti-social elements, boosting the confidence of the people and investors. During Covid-19 pandemic, the govt set an example to deal with crisis with limited resources and strong team effort. Farmers have been on the agenda of the govt and he made efforts to purchase their produce and pay them timely. The govt also made it a po-

int to ensure that officers posted anywhere are working for better administration.

The real synergy between the state govt and the Centre was seen in the last eight years which led to double-engine benefits, best outcomes. Within a short span, the Yogi govt won the hearts and confidence of top investors. As a result, within one year of its formation, in the 2018 UP investors summit, the govt signed MoUs for projects worth Rs 4.68 lakh crore making the state as top investment destination.

Pending projects of public and economic significance were cleared and completed. The govt made all the efforts to generate employment and income in the most populous state. CM Yogi's first term set the tone for rapid transformation with credibility and sustainability that is being capitalised in the second term for larger economic outcomes. Uttar Pradesh has been upscaling itself as the state now ranks second in terms of 'Ease of Doing Business'.

Besides, in terms of volume of income, the state has consolidated its pace and is chasing the goal of becoming a trillion-dollar economy. The govt has made concerted efforts to increase the budget size to over Rs 8 lakh crore signifying the fact that the public expenditures are being raised in Uttar Pradesh at a rapid pace.

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