UP has emerged as top investment destination, says CM

Lays Foundation Stone For Microsoft IDC

Gautam Budh Nagar: Chi-ef Minister Yogi Adityanath on Saturday said Uttar Pra-desh was the top destination for investment in the country and Microsoft's upcoming re-course and development search and development centre is a testament to this.

The chief minister said this while laying the founda-tion stone of Microsoft's India Development Centre (IDC) in Sector-145, Noida. He also inaugurated the AI Engineering Centre of MAQ Software in Gautam Budh Nagar

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"Iam told that IDC, spread across 15 acres, will be its largest research and development (R&D) hub outside its headquarters. With this new campus, Uttar Pradesh is set to become Microsoft's next major base after Hyderad." he said.

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to Microsoft CEO and chair-man Satya Nadella and his te-am, CM praised the company's strong presence in north India.

"Our govt, under the gui-dance of Prime Minister Mo-di, has embraced the vision of a New Uttar Pradesh for a

New India' over the pasteight years," CM Yogi said.
Speaking about the Noida IDC, he highlighted that it will not only strengthen India's technical ecosystem through AI and cloud computing but also help in effectively implementing PM Modi's visionon the ground.
"This centre will serve as a hub for innovation in AI, cloud computing, and cyber-cloud computing, and cyber-cloud computing, and cyber-cloud computing, and cyber-

a hub for innovation in AI, cloud computing, and cybersecurity, "he said.

CM emphasized Uttar Pradesh's massive population scale, saying: "We have successfully reformed, per formed and transformed by combining scale with speed. To support businesses and investments, the state has implemented 33 sectoral policies to improve ease of doing business. To attract and facilitate investments, the state has launched the Nivesh Mitra single-window clearance system, offering over 500 clearance system. stem, offering over 500 clea-

rances." He added that every investor signing an MoU benefit from an online monitoring process, ensuring transpa-rency. Additionally, all in-vestment incentives are dis-tributed through an online



Uttar Pradesh Chief Minister Yogi ottal Pracesh Chief Minister Yogi Adityanath poses for a picture wi a statue of Maharana Pratap during its unveiling ceremony, in Gautam Budh Nagar on Saturday

system. The CM highlighted Uttar Pradesh's significant role in the manufacturing sector, stating that the state now accounts for 65% of mobile pho-

ne manufacturing in India. He also emphasized that Uttar Pradesh leads in electronic component produc-tion, contributing 55% na-tionwide. "Noida and Grea-

ter Noida are rapidly emerging as hubs for electronic manufacturing," he added. Discussing the positive outcomes of gort initiatives, Yogi mentioned the successful integration of Al during Maha Kumbh in Prayagraj, "We made extensive use of Al, making it a major centre for Al-driven technology, as a result, over 66 crore devotees participated safely in the event," he said.

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The CM highlighted his govt's commitment to ma-king Uttar Pradesh's youth digitally empowered. 'Under the Vivekananda Empower-ment Scheme, we have distri-buted smartphones and tab-lets to 50 lakh youth, "he said.

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