

UPfront: How state became a growth engine

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Lucknow: From 14th position in 2017, Uttar Pradesh is now among the frontrunners in the country when it comes to ease of doing business.

Ensuring consistent industrial development and economic growth, Yogi Adityanath pointed out how the changed perception of the state is helping attract investments from not only domestic companies but also international ones.

Citing an RBI report, Yogi stated that UP leads the count-

Yogi to open exhibit on devpt today

Lucknow: Chief minister Yogi Adityanath will lead the three-day celebrations to mark eight years of his, from Gorakhpur on Tuesday. He will inaugurate an exhibition on development and public welfare by more than 20 departments at the Mahant Digvijaynath Park and then address a public gathering. **TNN**

ry by cornering 16.2% of funds meant for project financing.

“Currently, 132 companies from UP are listed on the Bombay Stock Exchange with a collective market capitalisation exceeding Rs 3.68 lakh crore. The number of factories in the state increased from 13,000 in 2017 to more than 26,900 at present, marking significant industrial growth,” said Yogi.

Among the largest producers of food grains, sugarcane, potatoes, and ethanol, Yogi emphasised that UP was also at the top when it comes to income tax returns being filed,

CM HIGHLIGHTS ACHIEVEMENTS

“The condition of farmers was extremely serious before 2017. One of our first major decisions was to provide loan waivers worth ₹36,000 cr to small & marginal farmers. Food grain production increased from 557 lakh metric tonnes in 2016-17 to 668 lakh metric tonnes in 2023-24

“Long-pending irrigation projects such as Arjun Sahayak, Bansagar, and Saryu Canal were completed, bringing irrigation to additional 23,000 hectares. Leveraging the expertise of Krishi Vigyan Kendras, new agricultural universities, and modern technology,

UP has emerged as a leader in production of paddy, wheat, pulses, and millets

“4.76L weddings were solemnised under mass marriage schemes, and financial assistance per marriage increased from ₹51,000 to ₹1 lakh. Ownership rights were provided to one crore women under Svamitva Yojana

“Every child receives ₹1,200 for uniforms, school bags, books, shoes, and sweaters. Schools have been upgraded with facilities like toilets, clean drinking water, digital libraries, and proper flooring. Ten new state and 21 pvt universities have been established



“Six expressways are operational, and construction of 11 more is underway. Upon completion of Ganga Expressway, UP will account for 55% of the country's expressway network. UP also boasts the largest railway network and the highest number of operational metro systems in the country

“We achieved 85% control over encephalitis and 99% over JE. Mortality rate due to dengue reduced by 95% and malaria by 56%. UP leads in the implementation of Ayushman Bharat scheme

“From 21 crore annual tourists before 2017, the annual count of tourists increased to 67 crore in 2023. The Prayagraj Maha Kumbh alone saw participation of 67 crore devotees

GeM portal procurement, MSME growth, ease of doing business, project financing, skill development, and has the largest base of beneficiaries covered under various social welfare schemes.

While UP is chasing a USD 1 trillion economy goal, Yogi urged the youths and officials to keep working towards the vision set forth by Prime Minister Narendra Modi, which is to achieve a USD 5 trillion economy nationally. “We are presently the second-largest economy and are poised to become the strongest state in the country,” he emphasised.

Through the BC Sakhi scheme (women self-help groups engaged as business correspondents), banking services are being provided across the 57,000 gram sabhas, while ODOP and other exports have increased from Rs 86,000 cro-

re to Rs 2 lakh crore, said the CM.

“To promote further growth, one lakh entrepreneurs are going to be included under the CM Yuva Udyami Vikas scheme by March 31, under which loans up to Rs 5 lakh are being provided without any collateral or interest component,” Yogi announced.

On the other side, the condition of urban services has also improved in a consistent manner. “In 2016-17, UP was home to 10 dirtiest cities as per the national surveys. Currently, we have not only brought a complete turnaround in the 10 cities but have made 17 smart cities that are under nagar nigams. Through the 2025-26 financial year, the urban local body in every district headquarter would be made a smart city,” he said.

With 33 sectoral-oriented industrial promotion policies aimed at attracting investments in IT, aerospace, defence manufacturing, renewable energy, electric vehicle production, agricultural products, among others, the state govt is making targeted efforts to boost investments, he said.

The single-window online platform is facilitating the processing of close to 500 no-objection certificates. Out of the total investment-oriented MOUs worth Rs 45 lakh crore received in the past eight years, projects worth Rs 15 lakh crore were already grounded, Yogi emphasised. “The state's banking business grew from Rs 12.30 lakh crore to Rs 29.66 lakh crore, while the overall credit-deposit ratio of the state went up from 46% to 61% over the years,” said Yogi.