

UP set to play vital role in India's textile export ambitions

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Lucknow: Uttar Pradesh is set to contribute significantly to the Union govt's target of achieving textile exports worth Rs 9 lakh crore by 2030, according to an official spokesperson on Wednesday.

"PM Narendra Modi has expressed confidence that India will be able to export textiles worth Rs 9 lakh crore by 2030. If this happens, UP, owing to its rich textile heritage and skilled workforce, will play a crucial role in this achievement," the official said.

The spokesperson highlighted UP's strong textile manufacturing heritage, particularly referencing Kanpur: "Once known as the Manchester of the East, Kanpur remains a significant textile hub," they said, adding, "likewise, Varanasi and Mubarakpur are globally renowned for their silk sarees while Bhadohi and Mirzapur are famous for their carpets."

The official noted Gautam Buddha Nagar's emergence as a readymade garment centre and Lucknow's internationally acclaimed chikankari embroidery.

"Recognising the potential of these traditional industries, the state govt has launched several initiatives to boost textile manufacturing and enhance artisans' skills. Many districts have been included under the ODOP scheme, promoting their unique textile crafts," the spokesperson said.

Detailing governmental initiatives, they stated: "Flat-ted factories have been established in Gorakhpur and other districts. The govt aims to establish Common Facility Centres in GB Nagar, Lucknow, Mirzapur and Bhadohi



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by 2025 under the ODOP scheme. These centres will provide comprehensive facilities for local textile industries."

The spokesperson continued: "Under the PM MITRA Yojana, a Mega Textile Park is being developed on 1,000 acres along the Lucknow-Hardoi border. Chief Minister Yogi Adityanath believes that Uttar Pradesh holds vast potential for employment generation in the textile sector; further strengthening the state's role in India's export growth."

The YEIDA launched major projects, including a 118-acre Apparel Park in Sector 29. Similarly, the Gorakhpur Industrial Development Authority (GIDA) established 80 flat-ted factory units and a garment park. Building on this vision, the state govt invited proposals last year for new textile and apparel parks. Efforts are being made to establish at least five apparel and garmenting parks within a 50 km radius of Jewar Airport in Gautam Buddha Nagar and along expressways being developed by UPEIDA. Additionally, there are plans to develop the Purvanchal region as a hub of readymade garments sector. In Gorakhpur, readymade garments have been included under the ODOP scheme, following terracotta.