

# Did study to plug leakages, help UP make ₹36k cr: Yogi

## CM Shares His Mantra For Turnover

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and told officials that UP will mobilise its own resources by embracing financial discipline and plugging in leakages from the enormous state budget. This generated about Rs 36,000 crore and became the base for transforming UP into a revenue surplus state," he said.

Mentioning that in the post-Independence decade, UP's per capita income was almost at par with the national average, he said: "In decades thereafter, UP's position on various fronts fell and eventually it was included in the list of BIMARU states. Eight years ago, when the BJP formed its govt here, the per capita income was almost one-third of the nation-

al average. With focused efforts, UP has witnessed extraordinary progress, and the country's most populous state and vast consumer and labour market is open and ready for investment."

Acknowledging FICCI's role as a partner in UP's development journey through cornerstone events like UP Investor Summits in 2018 and 2023, the CM said: "UP has become the country's growth engine and has emerged as the second-largest state economy. The state has doubled its Gross State Domestic Product (GSDP) and per capita income."

Blaming previous govts for the poor state of affairs before 2017, Yogi said: "In the past, people were forced to conceal their identity due to rampant anarchy, hooliganism and corruption. But today, UP stands as a beacon of law and order. Unnecessary loudspeakers have been removed, roadside religious events regulated, and the safety of women and traders ensured. The govt has also introduced transparency in police recruitment, appointing over 60,000 trained offi-

cers." Emphasising UP's infrastructure development, the CM said that earlier, the state was associated with bad roads and darkness. But today, UP has the country's largest expressway network, metro rail, rail network, and waterways. "The state has 16 functional airports. Apart from this, steps like a logistics hub and dry port have made UP attractive for investment," he pointed out.

He also highlighted the govt's efforts to enhance the investment climate, noting that in 2017, when companies like Samsung and TCS considered leaving UP, the govt reassured them. Today, the state has attracted Rs 15 lakh crore in investments.

The CM shared that UP now offers over 500 approvals through a single-window system, supported by 33 sectoral policies and the Nivesh Mitra portal.

Yogi hailed the successful organisation of the Maha Kumbh as a testament to Uttar Pradesh's potential, highlighting that Rs 7,500 crore was invested in rejuvenating Prayagraj's infrastructure.

**Lucknow:** Taking pride in UP's transformation from a state that once struggled to pay salaries to becoming revenue-rich, chief minister Yogi Adityanath on Monday said that his govt worked hard to check leakages to achieve the turnaround.

"After becoming the CM of UP, I sat down with key officials to discuss how to gather funds for the people of the state. Some of them told me to go to the Union govt and ask for it. But then that was not a sustainable way. The problem continued to baffle officials over the subsequent meetings so much so that some of them desired to proceed on leave," the CM recalled, speaking at industry body FICCI's national executive council meeting. "Finally, I conducted my own study