

UP has taken bold steps for devt: CM

'State On Path To Become \$1 Trn Economy By 2029'

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Lucknow: Chief Minister Yogi Adityanath on Tuesday highlighted the economic resurgence of Uttar Pradesh since his govt came to power in 2017, giving the example of investment proposals received in 2017 and in 2023.

Speaking at an event organised by a private news channel in Lucknow, the CM said that during the first investors summit in 2017, the govt received proposals of Rs 4.67 lakh crore, which went up to Rs 40 lakh crore in 2023. This change was brought about because of the govt's anti-corruption stand, pro-business policies, and zero tolerance towards crime, he added.

"UP has taken bold and decisive strides towards development over the past eight years. This journey of transformation will continue uninterrupted, untiring, and unwavering," the CM said.

Elaborating on UP's financial development, the CM said that UP was leading in over 45 flagship schemes of the Centre and that the state was on the path to becoming a USD 1 trillion economy by 2029, making it India's economic powerhouse.

"UP has been the heart and soul of the nation. Yet, in the past, those in power lacked a development-oriented vision and failed to recognise the potential of this land. Instead, they imposed their narrow agendas, pushing the state into an identity crisis. Before 2014, UP was plagued by neglect, youths were disillusioned, farmers were driven to despair, labourers suffered hunger, festivals were celebrated in fear rather



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than joy," he said.

The state's genuine transformation, he said, began in 2017 after BJP came to power in the state. Houses were provided to 56 lakh poor families, cutting across caste and community lines. Working in the spirit of 'Sabka Saath, Sabka Vikas', the govt initiated a loan waiver for farmers and ensured that every needy person received a ration card while extending central and state schemes equitably to every section of society.

Yogi Adityanath said that even tribal communities like the Musahar, Kol, Sahariya, Buksa, and Tharu, neglected and deprived of basic rights by previous govts, have now been integrated into the mainstream through targeted welfare schemes.

"The MSME sector, once nearly defunct due to previous govts' apathy, has witnessed a revival under the One District One Product (ODOP) initiative launched in 2018. ODOP has become a national symbol of Swadeshi pride and self-reliance. Earlier, Chinese goods dominated the market during Diwali and other festivals. Today, people proudly gift ODOP items, supporting local arti-

sans and generating domestic employment," he said.

The CM elaborated on his govt's zero tolerance to crime and corruption, highlighting how action was taken against this from day one, which created an environment of security in the state. UP was now riot-free, attracting investors and tourists alike.

Where only a few lakh tourists visited UP annually before 2017, there is a tourism boom in the state now, he said, adding that during the recent Mahakumbh alone, over 66 crore devotees visited Prayagraj. This year, he said, the number of tourists in the state is projected to cross 100 crore.

Calling spiritual tourism a reflection of faith and a powerful engine for economic growth and employment generation, the CM said that before 2017, no one cared to explore these possibilities.

In the past eight years, BJP's double engine govt brought about a historic transformation in UP. The state was free of mafia, riots, and criminal intimidation. It emerged not just as a top destination for tourism, especially spiritual tourism, but also as one of India's most investment-friendly states, he said.

"Today, the change is visible if you visit any city or village in UP. The garbage heaps have vanished, and a spirit of cleanliness now drives every community. This transformation has not only improved sanitation but also restored women's dignity, ensured every poor household has access to toilets, and controlled diseases like encephalitis and malaria," he said.