UP to be data centre hub of North India: Nandi

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UP is fast transforming into the data centre hub of North India, said minister for industrial development Nand Gopal Gupta Nandi.

Citing the example of the Hiranandani Group's data centre in Noida, he said the state has laid a strong digital infrastructure that is attracting big investments in the IT and tech sectors. "Over the past few years, we have not only attracted data centre giants but also created a favourable ecosystem for their growth. During pandemic, we used drone technology to digitally map land records and issued registries within days, showing the efficiency of digital transformation," he said.

Nand Gopal Gupta Nandi at the conclave

Nandi highlighted that UP's robust digital push helped the state achieve software exports and create direct and indirect jobs, reflecting the vision and commitment of the CM.

Emphasising the state's rise as an IT powerhouse, he said that the state now has over 400 STPI (Software Technology Park of India)-registered IT and ITES companies. "The IT sector was once limited to Noida and NCR regions, but today global giants like IBM, Deloitte, Genpact, and HCL are operating from Lucknow too," he said. He announced that India's first AI Centre for Excellence is being set up in Lucknow, which will boost innovation and high-end research in emerging technologies. To build a future-ready workforce, the state launched the "AI Pragya Yojana," under which over 10 lakh youth are being trained in artificial intelligence, machine learning, data analysis, and cybersecurity.