

# GeM of a state: UP top buyer with ₹65,000-crore purchase

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**Lucknow:** With total purchases worth Rs 65,227 crore through the Government e-Marketplace (GeM) portal between 2020-21 and 2024-25, UP has left all other states behind. Union commerce and industry minister Piyush Goyal, in a letter to chief minister Yogi Adityanath, praised the state's active participation and called it a model for other states.

Goyal has noted in his letter that in 2024-25 alone, over 72 lakh procurement orders were completed, amounting to Rs 5.43 lakh crore — a new milestone in India's public procurement system.

Since its inception, the GeM has facilitated over 2.9 crore orders amounting to more than Rs 14 lakh crore. UP's contribution to this is highly significant and it has

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Top 10 depts based on procurement from FY 2020-21 to 2024-25	
Department	Order Value
Urban development	₹11,588.28cr
Medical Health & Family Welfare	₹9,257.14cr
IT & Electronics	₹8,241.60cr
Medical education	₹4,589.52cr
Home	₹4,116.80cr
Energy	₹2,515.87cr
Basic education	₹1,958.27cr
Transport	₹1,810.15cr
Higher education	₹1,072.79cr
Information & public relations	₹1,071.47cr

been among the top buyers since the beginning. The platform now includes over 11,000 product categories and more than 330 service categories. The purchases made by UP buyers over the past five fiscal years reflect the state's techni-

cal proficiency, transparency, and policy commitment, Goyal says in his letter.

He further pointed out that the UP government issued a comprehensive order on November 26, 2024, aligning its procurement rules with the

General Financial Rules (GFR) 2017 and GeM's General Terms and Conditions (GTC). This order consolidated various procurement-related notifications into a unified framework, simplifying processes and enabling 100% adoption of GeM in the state.

Goyal said that this initiative is a living example of the Digital India vision. When technology and inclusivity are tied to effective execution, such accomplishments become possible. He added that UP's effort would serve as inspiration for other states, accelerating the nationwide adoption of GeM and emphasized that UP's support for GeM is a step toward realising PM's vision of a "one-stop digital marketplace." Goyal expressed confidence that UP will continue this dedicated cooperation in the future.

