

CM stresses impact of investor-friendly policies

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Yogi was informed that lease agreements for major minerals such as phosphorite, iron ore and gold blocks were successfully auctioned in recent years. He directed officials to expedite the composite licensing process further and ensure timely identification of potential mining zones along with the prompt preparation of geological reports. Emphasising the impact of



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transparent and investor-friendly policies, the Chief Minister noted that prominent companies like JSW, Adani Group, Tata Steel and Ultra-Tech Cement have shown a strong interest in the sector.

"The department undertook substantial work across more than 70 sub-indicators to secure top position in the State Mining Readiness Index (SMRI). A 100% implementation of the mine surveillance system was achieved

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in all mining districts, leading to significant improvements in the average timeline for environmental clearances and enhancing the overall transparency of regulatory procedures," he said. Yogi added that the remaining reforms be completed within the stipulated time frame to ensure Uttar Pradesh attains 'Category-A' status in SMRI.

Officials revealed that 57 technology-enabled check

gates were installed and 21,477 vehicles had been blacklisted for transporting minerals in an illegal manner. Systems such as the Vehicle Tracking System (VTS), colour coding and white tagging are functioning efficiently. Through the brick kiln operators, the state had generated a revenue of Rs 259 crore last financial year whereas in this year Rs 71 crore have been collected.

The CM directed that the brick kiln sector be modernized through the adoption of technology and innovation, with regular engagement with kiln operators.

Yogi directed that the process of issuing new leases for minor minerals be completed during the monsoon season, enabling mining activities to commence from Oct 15.