

UTTAR PRADESH

Excise dept gets ₹4,000 cr proposals to set up units

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The Uttar Pradesh (UP) excise department has received fresh investment proposals of more than ₹4,000 crore to set up green-field and brownfield distilleries and alcoholic beverage units in the state.

The proposals were received at the recent 'UP Excise Investors' Summit' in Lucknow, which was organised to promote investments in the alcohol value chain spanning manufacturing, distribution, and marketing.

According to UP Excise Minister Nitin Agarwal, the Yogi Adityanath government is actively promoting export-oriented policies to catalyse the state's flagship \$1 trillion economy goal.

He said about 55 excise department projects worth ₹11,000 crore have so far been launched across the state. Nineteen such projects worth ₹2,340 crore have already been commissioned, while 27 other projects are in the process of being set up. Agarwal said excise revenue increased from ₹17,000 crore in 2016-17 to ₹53,000 crore in 2024-25.

Now, the government is eyeing more than ₹60,000 crore in excise revenue in the current financial year 2025-26. Earlier, the excise department had signed 135 memoranda of understanding worth ₹40,000 crore with private companies at the investors' summit in 2023.