

State's GDP has more than doubled since 2017: Fin min

UP's Image Better Under Yogi: Awasthi

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Scaling a growth of 141%, the gross domestic product of UP has gone up from Rs 12.71 lakh crore to Rs 30.77 lakh crore over the past eight years. Having scaled more than two-fold economic growth, UP is among the fastest growing states in the country, said finance minister Suresh Khanna.

The nine-term MLA from Shahjahanpur and chief guest of the event, Khanna, was addressing the gathering at TOI Dialogues where he shared the growth story of the state with the audience on



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Finance minister Suresh Khanna & advisor to CM Awanish Awasthi

Thursday. Giving credit to the strong leadership of Prime Minister Narendra Modi and consistent efforts of Uttar Pradesh Chief Minister Yogi Adityanath, Khanna said that UP has been able to create a positive image not only within the country but also internationally over the past eight years.

Competing with Tamil Nadu and Maharashtra presently, UP is already among

the top three economies in the country, reiterated Khanna while adding that the improved law and order situation helped the state attract investors in such a large number.

Revealing the strategy to grow further, Khanna said that the primary sector (agriculture and allied industries) which accounts for 26% of the state's economy is already getting saturated and

the focus is now on pushing tertiary and manufacturing sectors to boost the economy further.

While delivering his keynote address, former IAS officer who is serving as an advisor to CM Yogi Adityanath, Awanish Kumar Awasthi, said that the image of Uttar Pradesh has changed before the world leaders.

"I have been on two international official visits recently and met senior politicians and industry leaders. The image of UP has improved drastically under Yogi Adityanath's regime. We are not looked down upon anymore," he said.

Awasthi said, "Inspired by Modi, Chief Minister Yogi set a vision for the state to achieve USD 1 trillion economy and continuous efforts are being made to drive the economic growth."