

Textile, apparel parks to be named after Sant Kabir: CM

Scheme Would Establish UP As Global Hub

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Lucknow: Chief Minister Yogi Adityanath on Tuesday announced that textile and apparel parks will be established in Uttar Pradesh in the name of Sant Kabir, with an aim to boost skill development and employment generation.

At a high-level review meeting, the CM said: "UP, with its rich heritage of handloom and textile products, has the potential to secure a strong position in the global textile market, projected to reach USD 2.3 trillion by 2030."

He said that Sant Kabir's ideals of labour, simplicity, and self-reliance will be integrated into the scheme that will strike a balance between tradition and modernity while creating new opportunities for investment, production, and employment.

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CM Yogi Adityanath during a review meeting in Lucknow on Tuesday

Engage directly with weavers to reduce production costs: Yogi to officials

In another major decision, Chief Minister Yogi Adityanath instructed officials to engage directly with powerloom weavers to reduce their production costs, boost incomes, and strengthen the traditional textile industry. He emphasised that the govt is already providing subsidised electricity to weavers and should also explore solar energy integration. "Weavers are the symbol of hard work and tradition; their handmade fabric is recognised across the world. It is our duty to support them," he said. Yogi expressed confidence that the Sant Kabir Textile and Apparel Park Scheme would not only bring large-scale investments and jobs but also establish Uttar Pradesh as a global hub in the textile and apparel sector.

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formed the CM that 659 proposals have so far been received on the Investment Sarathi portal, requiring 1,642 acres of land. "These proposals amount to Rs 15,431 crore in

investment and are expected to generate around 1,01,768 jobs," the officials said.

Informing that the scheme will be implemented through the PPP model, or a designated nodal agency, with the govt ensuring priority infrastructure such as roads, electricity, and water supply, the officials said: "Each park will cover a minimum of 50 acres and include a common effluent treatment plant along with facilities for ancillary industries such as buttons, zippers, packaging, and warehousing."

Taking note of the same, Yogi directed officials to expedite land identification and development work to enable quick implementation. UP is among India's top textile and apparel exporters. In 2023-24, the state exported goods worth 3.5 billion dollars, which is 9.6% of the country's total textile exports. The sector contributes 1.5% to the state's GDP and employs nearly 22 lakh people directly, with traditional clusters in Varanasi, Mau, Bhadohi, Mirzapur, Sitapur, Barabanki, Gorakhpur, and Meerut playing the key role.