

'UP emerged as India's growth engine in 8 yrs'

CM: Get Over Colonial-Era Slave Mindset

While the govt designs curricula, SSMs advance their mission relying on the dedication of volunteers inspired by 'Bhartiyata' (Indianness). From just five students in its first school at Pakkibagh, Gorakhpur, the network has now expanded to 12,000 schools, producing students who are taking leadership roles in society," Yogi said.

Emphasising that education is the foundation of a capable, self-reliant, and powerful nation, the CM said prosperity rests first on education, followed by health, agriculture, water resources, skill development, employment, and environmentally balanced development. "When such campaigns advance with this intent, they serve not only the nation but also humanity," he remarked.

The CM highlighted India's historical economic strength, noting that 400 years ago the country contributed 25% of global GDP, which fell to just 2% at independence due to exploitation. He added that Indians created prosperity through



CM Yogi Adityanath in Basti on Tuesday

hard work, while foreigners amassed wealth by plunder. "Hindi and Sanskrit were sidelined, English was treated as the symbol of progress, and foreign figures were celebrated over our own great personalities," he said.

He also highlighted PM Modi's call for "Vocal for Local." He urged people to prioritise "Made in India" products, especially those crafted by Indian artisans for daily use, and use them for gifting purposes so that profits directly benefit the artisans. This, he said, would drive India's prosperity.

He highlighted that internal divisions historically weakened India. "People believed that an attack in another region or a fire in a distant neighbourhood was not their concern, but ignoring it allows the danger to spread and eventually affect everyone," he said, stressing the need to end discrimination and counter divisive forces.

The CM also emphasised adapting technology to serve

society and the nation. "During COVID, while the world struggled, India under PM Modi set a global example in pandemic management and simultaneously introduced the National Education Policy 2020," he said. He also cautioned students about the use of AI, urging careful and responsible adoption.

The CM said that in just eight years, UP has emerged as India's growth engine. Earlier, UP ranked among the bottom three states; today, it is in the top two and leads in the implementation of most schemes. He stated that the perception about UP has undergone a remarkable change. "In Lucknow alone, 6,000 youth received govt job appointment letters in just two days. Since 2017, 8.5 lakh youth have been appointed to govt positions, including many from Basti in the police, women and child development services, and other sectors," he said, adding "narrow-minded govts cannot achieve great goals."