## 'Rs 15Lcr investment rolled out since 2017'

LUCKNOW: Ever since the Yogi government was formed in the state in March 2017, it has received investment proposals worth over Rs 45 lakh crore. Of these, more than Rs 15 lakh crore have been rolled out to date, the government announced on Thursday. Work on rolling out investment proposals worth Rs 10 lakh crore began during a groundbreaking ceremony held in February 2024.

As per the state government, these investments have led to employment for over 60 lakh youth and benefited millions of families through self-employment schemes.

The state has introduced 33 sector-specific policies for entrepreneurs and launched digital platforms such as 'Nivesh Mitra'. Textile, leather, plastic, perfume, chemical, and pharma parks are rapidly developing across the state. The leather cluster in Hardoi-Kanpur, the Plastic Park in Gorakhpur, and the Perfume Park in Kannauj are establishing the state as a new industrial hub, the government added.

Today, the state is India's largest MSME centre, with over 96 lakh active MSME units. The Defence Industrial Corridor. announced by Prime Minister Narendra Modi in February 2018, has transformed the state into a center of strategic strength. Rapid development is underway across six nodes: Agra, Aligarh, Kanpur, Lucknow, Jhansi, and Chitrakoot. So far, over 170 MOUs have been signed, bringing investment commitments exceeding Rs 28,000 crore and promising more than 4,600 jobs.

Prominent defence companies like Adani Group, AR Polymer, Werywin Defence, Emitech Industries, and BrahMos have already commenced operations. In Kanpur, bulletproof jackets and modern military equipment are being manufactured. A landmark achievement is the production of BrahMos missiles in Lucknow.