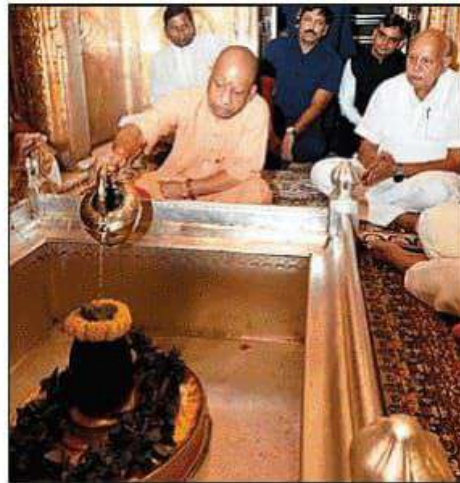


UP to be global food basket, agri key to achieving \$1 trn eco: CM

‘Revolutionary Changes In Farm Sector Under Modi’

Varanasi: Chief Minister Yogi Adityanath, on Monday, said that Uttar Pradesh is moving ahead with the resolve to become a global food basket, playing a pivotal role in achieving the target of a \$1 trillion state economy by 2029–30. He was addressing the Direct Seeded Rice (DSR) Conclave held at International Rice Research Institute’s (IRRI) South Asia Regional Centre in Varanasi.

Highlighting the state’s agricultural potential, CM Yogi said that India has 170 million hectares of cultivable land, 60% of which is irrigated, while UP alone produces 21% of the country’s food grains despite having only 11% of the land area and 17% of the population. “UP leads in the cultivation of



CM Yogi Adityanath offers prayers at Kashi Vishwanath temple

paddy, wheat, sugarcane, potatoes, pulses, and oilseeds,” he said.

He said that revolutionary changes have taken place in the farm sector over the past 11 years under Prime Minister Narendra Modi’s leadership, linking farmers with initiatives such as soil health cards, crop insurance, PM Krishi Sinchai Yojana, MSP at 1.5 times the cost, and the PM Kisan Samman Nidhi.

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Textile parks to generate jobs: Yogi

CM Yogi Adityanath said the textile parks, being built in the state, will prove to be a boon for employment generation in this sector in the coming times. He was addressing a gathering at Annapurna Rishikul Brahmacharyashram Sanskrit Mahavidyalaya in Shivpur after distributing 150 sewing machines among women in Kashi on Monday. **P 6**