

Experts: Vast scope to scale UP's growth with better infra and skill development'

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UP ministers Asim Arun and Yogendra Upadhyay; managing director and chief executive officer of Digital India Corporation Akhil Kumar; and CEO of UP transformation commission Manoj Kumar Singh at the Economic Times Vision Conclave on Friday

create a wider overseas market. Former chief secretary Singh also highlighted the gaps in the education department and skill training programmes while emphasising that residential educational institutes being developed with a budget of Rs 30 crore across the state would improve the situation to a large extent.

Managing director and chief executive officer of Digital India Corporation, Akhil Kumar said, "Both central and state govts are determined to develop Lucknow as the artificial intelligence hub of the country. We need to come up with better incentive programmes to encour-

age private players to come up with better and efficient products."

Partner and head of govt and public services at KPMG India, Nilachal Mishra shared his views on avenues that could be explored to strengthen the state's economy further.

Seeking the participation of residents, industry and students among all stakeholders, the state govt has received 98 lakh suggestions for the Viksit UP 2047 vision plan.

UP's higher education minister Yogendra Upadhyay and minister for social welfare Asim Arun took the audience through the vario-

us initiatives and steps that the state govt has taken to reach out to all sections of society.

Among the industrialists, whole-time director of Shalimar Corp, Khalid Masood said, "For me, Viksit Uttar Pradesh is about cities evolving thoughtfully with real estate at its core. Uttar Pradesh is witnessing tremendous growth and opportunities, and we are ready to contribute. With landmark projects soon launching in Lucknow, Kanpur, Varanasi and Prayagraj districts, we aim to shape the state's urban future with careful planning and meaningful development."

Chief operating officer at Radico Khaitan Ltd, Amar Sinha said, "As the nation advances toward 2047, the vision of Viksit Bharat and Viksit Uttar Pradesh reflects a rare clarity of direction, prioritising growth, governance and opportunities for every stakeholder. Under Yogi Adityanath's leadership, Uttar Pradesh's improvement in law, order and infrastructure have accelerated this progress."

Lucknow: Experts from different fields and industrialists gathered on Friday for the fourth edition of the Economic Times Vision Conclave, focused on setting the goal to achieve complete development of UP.

Chief executive officer of UP transformation commission, former chief secretary Manoj Kumar Singh delivered the keynote address, mentioning, "For the first time, both central and state govt are working on a long-term vision plan. All this while, we used to work as per the five-year plan, but for the first time, the political leadership has laid out a broader horizon for industry stakeholders, urging them to work as per the plan till 2047".

Doubling its GDP within eight years, UP's economic value presently hovers close to 28 lakh crore.

Pointing out the vast opportunities to scale growth, particularly in the agriculture sector, Manoj Kumar Singh said that better facilities and efforts are needed to