

Yogi: Biggest reason for growth in economy is increase in agri prodn

UP Contributes 21% To India's Foodgrain Prodn

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Lucknow: Chief Minister Yogi Adityanath said that UP has already achieved 93% of the GSDP target of Rs 42 lakh crore this financial year.

To ensure that every department's progress went according to plan, Yogi insisted that ministers and officials should carry out regular reviews. "Real-time data of works of various departments should be uploaded on time. Ministers and department officers should maintain continuous dialogue with central govt officers so that the central share of funds can be received on time. Timely expenditure of allocated budget should be ensured," he said.

While reviewing each department separately, the CM said that UP's contribution to the country's foodgrain production is 21% and the state's agricultural growth rate is above 13%. He gave directions to expedite the construction of seed parks and UP Agriz project works.

"The biggest reason for growth in the state's economy is the increase in agricultural production. Crop yields increased due to better seeds, advanced technology, and expansion of cultivation area. Cultivation of high-yield and high-value crops led to an increase in farmers' income and total production," he said.

Discussing transport, the CM said that road safety is govt's priority and serious efforts should be made to re-



CM Yogi Adityanath at a review meeting in Lucknow on Tuesday

duce road accidents in view of fog. He added that the registration fee of commercial vehicles should be made practical while bus services should be improved for convenient travel of common people.

Commenting on the growth of tourism in the state, the CM said around 125 crore tourists visited UP till June this year. He directed the department to increase facilities for devotees and tourists at Garhmukteshwar, implement the homestay policy, and promote the hotel industry. He also said that a tourist destination plan should be developed.

He set targets for each district under the Mass Marriage Scheme and said that part of the allocated funds should be given to beneficiaries in advance for shopping, while the remaining amount

should be used at the time of the marriage ceremony.

"The govt is developing anganwadi centres as pre-primary education centres. The construction and upgradation of these centres should be expedited," he said. The power department informed the CM that the performance of state power corporations improved due to a reduction in power theft and technical losses. Electricity generation increased through the establishment of large solar projects and solar parks under the PM Kusum-C scheme.

In the industrial sector, Yogi was informed, the addition of 7,000 new factories accelerated economic activities while an increase in registration of companies and factories strengthened the state's industrial development.