

CM calls '26 'defining year', pitches UP as AI, tech investment hub

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LUCKNOW: Chief minister Yogi Adityanath on Tuesday termed 2026 a decisive year for Uttar Pradesh's technological advancement, saying the state is emerging as a global hub for artificial intelligence and the digital economy.

In a detailed message in Hindi on X, the chief minister said 2025 will be remembered for setting new benchmarks in innovation, data, and future-oriented development as the state works to become a future-ready investment hub.

Adityanath said investment can thrive only when the state and society are secure.

He said strong governance has strengthened "Brand UP" globally and transformed the state into a trusted destination of investors.

The CM said preparations are underway to develop artificial intelligence (AI) cities in Lucknow and Noida, while a semiconductor unit worth Rs 3,700 crore is being set up in Jewar area of Gautam Buddh



CM Yogi Adityadznath

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Nagar district.

Yogi Adityanath further pointed out that a data centre policy, which focuses on indigenous centres and secure data, is already showing results.

Five hyperscale data centre parks are now operational for commercial use.

Urging the youth to take an active role, Yogi Adityanath called on them to make a pledge for 2026.

He encouraged them to spread awareness about computers and artificial intelligence among at least five children in their neighbourhoods and to dedicate one hour every week to 'gyaan-daan'.