

UP to emerge as global hub of skilled manpower: Yogi

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Gorakhpur: Chief minister Yogi Adityanath on Tuesday said UP — the country's most populous and youngest state — is poised to become a global hub of skilled manpower. Inaugurating the newly built govt ITI at Narkattha in Piprauli block, he said 55-60% of UP's population is of working age and its youth are "highly talented and in demand" across India and abroad.

The ITI, constructed by PowerGrid Corporation of India with a CSR investment of Rs18 crore, will be operated by the state govt. The CM said the institute will train youth in trades aligned with industry requirements. "Through NIELIT in GIDA, local youth are being prepared for campus placements. This ITI will further strengthen industry-ready training," he said.

Yogi added that over 150



Chief Minister Yogi Adityanath at the inauguration of Govt Industrial Training Institute, in Gorakhpur on Tuesday

ITIs in the state are being upgraded in partnership with Tata Technologies. Courses in EV technology, advanced CNC machines, industrial IoT, robotics, digital manufacturing and 3D printing are being offered. Skilled workers, he stressed, earn far more than unskilled labour.

Highlighting overseas placements, the CM said UP youth deployed in Israel are earning Rs1.25-1.5 lakh per month with free accommodation. "There is huge demand in Germany, Japan and other

countries. Training combined with language skills can make UP the biggest manpower supplier globally," he said.

Yogi said GIDA alone attracted investments of Rs12,000-15,000 crore in eight years, creating nearly 50,000 jobs. New units of Varun Beverages, Gita Press, Gallantt, Ankur Industries and upcoming cement plants are adding to employment opportunities.

The CM also pitched for sustainable farming, noting that Indian Oil's compressed biogas plant in Dhuriapar is purchasing parali from farmers, helping income generation and cutting pollution.

He supported fisheries minister Sanjay Nishad's demand for fisheries courses, saying the upcoming Kushinagar Agriculture & Technology University and the new Veterinary College in Gorakhpur will play a key role.