

Canadian entrepreneurs meet CM, discuss investments

LUCKNOW: A 24-member delegation from the Canadian Hindu Chambers of Commerce met chief minister Yogi Adityanath here on Sunday and expressed keen interest in investing in state's MSME, religious tourism and hospitality sectors.

Adityanath assured them of all possible support from the state government. Founder president of the organisation Naresh Kumar Chawda led the delegation.

During the meeting, the CM emphasised on the need to promote new initiatives in trade, technology and tourism in line with Prime Minister Narendra Modi's vision.

He said that 8–9 years ago, markets during festivals were flooded with Chinese products, but in 2018 the state promoted traditional enterprises through the One District–One Product initiative. He added that Chinese products have now disappeared



Chief minister Yogi Adityanath with the Canadian Hindu Chambers of Commerce delegation. HT

from markets in the state.

The government is supporting all 9.6 million MSME units in the state and ensuring social security for them, benefiting the livelihoods of around 25 million families.

Through One District–One Product, these products have been branded and are now being presented as official gifts on major platforms, said the CM.

The CM told the delegation that Uttar Pradesh ranks among

the top three states in India in terms of economic contribution and was home to the country's largest population.

At the Global Investors Summit held last year, investment proposals worth Rs 40 lakh crore were received, of which projects worth Rs 15 lakh crore have already witnessed groundbreaking ceremonies, the CM said. The remaining proposals worth Rs 5 lakh crore are being prepared for the next round of

implementation.

He added that members of the Chambers can play a significant role in bringing investment, technology and FDI to the state. Separate policies have been framed for FDI and Fortune 500 companies.

Adityanath noted that at present the state has 11 domestic and four international airports in operation, with Asia's largest airport at Jewar set to become operational soon.

He said that Uttar Pradesh was a land of opportunities, with projects such as a film city and apparel park in Noida, logistics hubs, and the state emerging as a new data centre hub. Four data centres are currently operational, with six more in the pipeline.

Chawda said that while Invest India–Invest Canada was organised every year in Canada, it will be held three times in 2026, with two events focussing on Uttar Pradesh.

He also said that during July–August and December–January, children of the Indian diaspora born in Canada will be brought to Uttar Pradesh to visit major religious sites. In addition, the Chambers plan to establish a 50-bed hospital and senior citizen homes in the state. The CM also invited the members to visit the Ram Mandir in Ayodhya, Kashi Vishwanath Dham in Kashi and Prayagraj. HT