

Jaunpur first in state in CM Yuva Scheme rollout

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Lucknow: Jaunpur emerged as the top-performing district in Uttar Pradesh under the Chief Minister Yuva Udyami Vikas Abhiyan, with the highest number of youth beneficiaries, and will be felicitated by Chief Minister Yogi Adityanath on UP Diwas for achieving more than 100% target coverage.

As on Jan 22, Jaunpur ranked first in the state in loan disbursal under the scheme, followed by Azamgarh and Hardoi. The scheme is a key pillar of the state govt's push to promote youth-led entrepreneurship as part of its larger goal of building a 1-trillion-dollar economy.

In the current financial year, over 3.34 lakh youth applied for loans, far exceeding the govt's target of 1.5 lakh loan disbursals for 2025-26. Of these, more than 2.81 lakh applications were forwarded to banks, with over 1.03 lakh loans already disbursed.

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Jaunpur alone disbursed loans to 3,315 youth entrepreneurs this financial year, exceeding its target of 2,500 beneficiaries by over 32%. District magistrate Dinesh Chandra Singh said a focused campaign involving close coordination with banks and outreach to aspiring entrepreneurs helped the district to scale up disbursals.

Azamgarh, which ranked second, also showed a sharp turnar-

ound. DM Ravindra Kumar said the district moved up from 25th position before April 2025 by organising block-level workshops, facilitating direct interaction between bankers and applicants. Against a target of 2,500 loans, Azamgarh disbursed 3,219 loans, achieving nearly 129% of its target. Hardoi secured the third position, disbursing 2,628 loans against a target of 2,800, following the receipt of over 10,900 applications. District officials attributed the performance to sustained special drives and monitoring.