

# CM meets Canadian entrepreneurs keen to invest in MSMEs, assures them all help

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CHIEF MINISTER Yogi Adityanath on Sunday met a delegation of Canadian Hindu Chambers of Commerce in Lucknow and assured them of all possible support from his government.

Welcoming the 24-member delegation, led by Naresh Kumar Chawda, the chief minister emphasised the need to promote new initiatives in trade, technology, and tourism.

With the delegation expressing keen interest in investing in Uttar Pradesh in the MSME, religious tourism, and hospitality sectors, the chief minister assured them of all

possible support from the state government, officials said.

"The CM acquainted the delegation with UP's rapid progress, stating that the state offers immense opportunities with improved security, law and order, and a strong investment environment. He added that members of the Chambers can play a significant role in bringing investment, technology, and FDI to UP. He also told them that separate policies have been framed for FDI and Fortune 500 companies," the official added.

The chief minister said that special focus has been given to infrastructure development in recent years. "Uttar Pradesh ac-

counts for 55 per cent of the country's expressway network, with significantly improved connectivity, including green-field expressways. The state has the largest rail network, metro services in the highest number of cities, a rapid rail system, and the country's first operational waterway," the CM reportedly told the delegation.

"UP is a land of opportunities, with projects such as a film city and an 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," the CM was quoted as saying.

The chief minister also said that Canadian entrepreneurs

and others could contribute to the export of agricultural produce grown by farmers in UP.

Kumar said that while Invest India-Invest Canada is organised every year in Canada, in 2026 it will be held three times, with two events focused on Uttar Pradesh.

He informed the chief minister that his team will work in UP across MSMEs, religious tourism, and hospitality sectors, an official said.

He also said that the Chambers plan to establish a 50-bed hospital and senior citizen homes in the state.

Later, the CM invited the members to visit Ram Lalla in Ayodhya, Kashi Vishwanath Dham in Kashi, and Prayagraj.

