

Yogi discusses green hydrogen policy with Japanese delegation

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LUCKNOW: Advancing cooperation between Uttar Pradesh and Japan's Yamanashi Prefecture, as well as effective implementation of a Memorandum of Understanding (MoU) signed in 2024 by the two sides, was discussed as a high-level, eight-member delegation from Japan called on chief minister Yogi Adityanath here on Wednesday, according to a press statement issued by the state government.

Junichi Ishidera, vice governor of Japan's Yamanashi Prefecture, led the delegation. The meeting also focused on strengthening the strategic partnership between India and Japan under the leadership of Prime Minister Narendra Modi.

"India-Japan relations are not merely diplomatic in nature, but are rooted in shared values such as mutual trust, discipline, innovation and sustainable development," the chief minister said.

The 2024 MoU provides a strong framework for cooperation in clean energy, particularly green hydrogen along with innovation, capacity building and



CM Yogi Adityanath meets an eight-member high-level delegation from Japan's Yamanashi Prefecture on Wednesday

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sustainable industrial development. The chief minister highlighted the establishment of centres of excellence in the state to promote research, innovation and skill development in the green hydrogen sector.

He also referred to the Uttar Pradesh Green Hydrogen Policy 2024, said the press statement.

During the meeting, the commencement of commercial operations of a green hydrogen pilot project in the Yamuna Expressway Industrial Development Authority (YEIDA) area was underscored as a significant milestone.

UP, JAPAN EXPLORE TOURISM INVESTMENTS

LUCKNOW: Japan's willingness to invest in wellness and cultural tourism aligned strongly with UP's vision of becoming a global tourism hub, said Uttar Pradesh tourism and culture minister Jaiveer Singh, hinting that the state was looking at long-term collaborations with the island country. On Wednesday, a high-level interaction took place between a Japanese delegation from Yamanashi Prefecture, led by its vice-governor Junichi Ishidera, and senior officials of the Uttar Pradesh government headed by Singh in Lucknow.

"Japan today is looking to invest not just capital, but also trust into destinations that offer authenticity, wellness, philosophy and refined cultural experiences. Uttar Pradesh is uniquely positioned to absorb and multiply that interest," the minister said.

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