

Industries key partners in devpt process: Yogi

CM Assures Entrepreneurs Of Full Support

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Lucknow: Chief Minister Yogi Adityanath on Saturday said the govt does not view industries merely as investors, but as integral partners in the development process.

He assured entrepreneurs of policy, infrastructure and administrative support at every level.

Calling upon industry groups to play a larger role in social transformation, Yogi urged them to actively participate in the state's development through CSR.

"Industries could contribute in sectors like education, healthcare, skill development, women empowerment, environmental protection and local infrastructure," he said.

Interacting with representatives of Laghu Udyog Bharati, Yogi sought suggestions to promote innovation in the MSME sector and emphasised the need to strengthen packaging, design and export promotion.

Highlighting the role of women in textiles and ready-made garments, he said focused efforts were needed to create more employment opportunities for women. He also pointed to the potential of the toy industry and stressed the



CM Yogi Adityanath during a meeting with industry leaders on Saturday

need to develop toy parks in the state.

The CM assured entrepreneurs of timely and transparent disbursement of incentives announced under various industrial policies.

He said reducing the cost of industrial land, logistics and approvals remained a priority to make investment more attractive.

To make Udyog Bandhu meetings more effective, he directed DMs and SPs to attend district-level meetings and ensure resolution of issues before the next review.

He also ordered that state-level Udyog Bandhu meetings be held not only in Lucknow but also at divisional headquarters. During the meeting, a presentation highlighted Uttar Pradesh's industrial transformation over the past nearly 9 years. Officials said the state now accounts for about 55% of India's expressway network, with 6 expressways operational and 7 under construction.

Major stretches of the Eastern and Western Dedicated Freight Corridors pass through the state, with their

intersection at Dadri positioning UP as a national logistics hub.

The presentation noted that UP has 16 operational airports, including 4 international ones, while the Jewar international airport is under development. Merchandise exports stood at around Rs 1.86 lakh crore in 2023-24, marking over 100% growth in the past 7 to 8 years, driven by sectors such as engineering, electronics, textiles, defence and agro-processing.

Industrial expansion also accelerated, with the number of registered factories rising from about 8,980 in 2003 to nearly 27,000 at present. Through 4 Ground Breaking Ceremonies, projects worth over Rs 15 lakh crore were implemented, with preparations underway for GBC@5 involving investments of around Rs 6 lakh crore.

The meeting saw participation from industry bodies including CII, FICCI, ASSOCHAM, PHD Chamber, Indian Industries Association, Laghu Udyog Bharati, DICCI, NASSCOM and CREDAI.