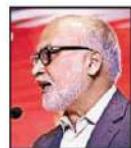


Pharma leaders hail UP's investor-friendly environment

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Lucknow: Heads of leading pharmaceutical companies praised the state's changing profile, strong governance, and investor-friendly environment.

Speaking at the Pharma Conclave on Tuesday, they unanimously said that under the leadership of Chief Minister Yogi Adityanath, Uttar Pradesh undertook fundamental and structural reforms that are proving to be direction-setting not only for the state but for the entire country.



UP's roadmap is clear: Ayodhya Ram Reddy

Calling it an "exceptional commitment" to the nation, the founder of Ramky Group said UP underwent unprecedented transformation under CM Yogi Adityanath's leadership. "The roadmap for what UP is today and what it aims to become has been

clearly laid out. "I have never witnessed such a positive investment climate," he said.



Once we had to leave, now it's time to return: Ramesh Juneja

Mankind Pharma chairman Ramesh Juneja recalled the difficult business environment of the past, saying the company moved out of UP after a kidnapping incident in 2001. He said the situation changed dramatically in recent years, with people now feeling safe even late at night. "This renewed sense of security encouraged investors to return," he said.



No red tape, only red carpet for investors: Jinil Mehta

Torrent Group vice-chairman Jinil Mehta said UP saw a remarkable

improvement in ease of doing business and law and order over the past 9 years. Sharing his company's experience across 20 districts, he said Torrent never faced issues related to red tape or security. "Investors today receive red carpet, not red tape," he said.



Global pharma leaders showing interest in UP: Satish Reddy

Dr Reddy's Laboratories chairman Satish Reddy said India's global standing in pharmaceutical sector strengthened significantly, especially during the Covid-19 pandemic when Indian companies helped save millions of lives. He said UP's pharma policies were effective and forward-looking, creating a conducive environment for growth. "The state offers promising opportunities," he said.

Infra, manpower are UP's strengths: Pankaj Patel



Padma Bhushan awardee and Zydus Lifesciences chairman Pankaj Ramanbhai Patel said land availability, power, water, and skilled manpower were critical

for any industry, and Uttar Pradesh offers all these in abundance. "With improving infrastructure and a growing talent pool, UP is steadily emerging as a preferred hub for pharma sector," he said.



UP is safest place in country: Dilip Shanghvi

Padma Shri awardee and Sun Pharmaceutical Industries chairman Dilip Shanghvi said UP emerged as the safest states in the country due to improvement in law and order. The improved security environment played a crucial role in attracting large pharmaceutical investments to Uttar Pradesh," he said.