

# **‘UP should form pharma consortium to boost growth’**

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**Lucknow:** Uttar Pradesh must build a dedicated stakeholders' consortium to accelerate growth in the pharmaceutical and healthcare sector, said Dr VK Paul, member of NITI Aayog, while outlining a roadmap to develop the state as a global pharma hub.

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UP must prioritise future-focused sectors such as biologicals, biosimilars, personalised care, and cell and gene therapies, and stressed that a co-ordinated effort from both govt and industry is crucial.

“These sectors will guarantee long-term security and sustainable growth,” he said.

Pointing to the state's strengths in research, innovation and infrastructure, he proposed a UP Pharma, MedTech, Research and Innovation Consortium to bring together govt agencies, industry players, MSMEs and academic institutions.

He urged companies and institutions to leverage schemes like PRIPS, MedTech Mitra, and Patent Mitra to drive innovation and strengthen the sector.

Paul also emphasised AI adoption and helping MSMEs upgrade to WHO Schedule M standards. He called on companies to address global challenges, highlighting antimicrobial resistance as a major pandemic that requires urgent collaborative action.