

UP now a revenue-surplus state: Yogi

'State Has 19% Share In India's EV Market'

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Lucknow: Presenting a picture of Uttar Pradesh's rapid economic progress, the CM said that fiscal discipline, increased farmers' income, and technological transformation in agriculture are the govt's key achievements.

He said that without imposing any additional taxes, the state moved in the right direction by curbing tax evasion and adopting a balanced model of development.

"In 2017, UP's GSDP was only Rs 13 lakh crore. It took 70 years from 1947 to 2017 to reach that level. After 2017, within just 8 to 8.5 years, the double-engine govt added an additional Rs 23 lakh crore," he said.

The CM said that the govt had taken decisive steps to position Uttar Pradesh as a leader in emerging technologies.

"As a result, the state now accounts for over 19% of all electric vehicles sold across the country. The govt has been working rapidly in sectors such as AI, digital technology, defence manufacturing, semiconductors, and data science, integrating them into the mainstream of development," he said.

"The current budget includes special provisions across all sectors related to emerging technologies. In today's era, data has become the most powerful strategic resource. With this in view, the budget provides for the establishment of a State Data Authority," he said.

Yogi said that AI had emerged as a key growth sector for the country. "To promote AI and digital technologies, the state govt has made special budgetary allocations at the vocational, technological, and secondary education levels to ensure that students gain exposure to modern technologies from an early stage," he added.

"Before 2017, the condition of the state was extremely challenging, where the MSME

'UP'S TRANSFORMATION IN 8 YRS HISTORIC'

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UP's devpt landscape in past eight and a half years has been historic as state became leading investment destination through 'Triple-T' model of 'trust, transform and timely delivery'

Once infamous for 'One District, One Mafia', UP now nationally recognised for 'One District, One Product' identity

UP redefined its identity around 'Fearless Business', 'Ease of Doing Business' and 'Trust in Doing Business'

UP ranked 14th in 'Ease of Doing Business' before 2017 but has now established itself as a 'Top Achiever State'

From Independence until 2017, approximately 14,000 factories were established in UP. Since 2017, the number rose to over 31,000

Investment proposals worth over ₹50 lakh cr have been signed through MoUs, of which projects exceeding ₹15 lakh cr already on ground



Construction of pharma park in Lalitpur is progressing rapidly and a 350-acre medical device park is being developed in Greater Noida

Over 3 cr youth found employment in MSME sector

Connecting local products to global market helped in increasing exports from ₹84,000 cr in 2017 to ₹1.86 lakh cr

Women's participation in security, education, skills, self-employment, health, and leadership increased

Under double-engine govt, costs fell, production rose, and farmers became partners in development

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sector had become almost lifeless and an atmosphere of despair prevailed. However, through ODOP and ODOC schemes, our govt has given a new identity to the traditional products of the state," he said.

At present, more than 3 crore youth in the state have received employment in the MSME sector.

"The state has also achieved remarkable success in the health and pharma sectors. Today, Uttar Pradesh is writing new chapters of self-reliance and development," he said.

On economy, the CM said that UP's economy had reached Rs 36 lakh crore. "At the time of independence, UP's share in the national economy was 14%. It kept declining and fell to 8% in 2016-17. Now it has risen steadily to 9.5%," he said.

"Over the past five years, the state has established itself as a revenue-surplus state. A strong balance of fiscal discipline and development can now be seen in Uttar Pradesh," he said.

"In the past 11 years under the leadership of Prime Minister Narendra Modi, farmers and artisans have been strengthened. This country is built by the labour of farmers and the creativity of artisans," he said.

"The govt's resolve is to increase farmers' income through an income-based and value-addition model of agriculture. Today, agricultural growth in UP has gone up from 8.5% to 18.5%. Farmers now have access from farm to global markets," he said.

"Before 2017, slaughterhouses operated indiscriminate-

ly in the state. Widespread smuggling took place, and faith was hurt. Under a zero-tolerance policy, strict laws were enacted against cow slaughter, and smuggling was stopped. Today, 7,727 cow shelters are operating in the state, protecting more than 16 lakh cattle," he said.

"Today, 55% of the country's sugarcane is produced by UP farmers. There are 122 sugar mills operating in the state, and the price of sugarcane was increased up to Rs 400 per quintal. Ethanol production rose from 41 crore litres to 182 crore litres," he said.

Yogi said that the govt was working on an AI-based agricultural system. "Through the AI agriculture platform proposed in the budget, farmers will receive information in their own language," he said.