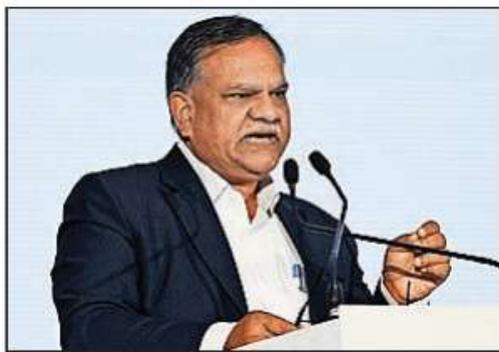


'Agri is key to trillion dollar economy goal'

'Focus Now On Speed Of Doing Biz'

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Lucknow: After achieving top position in ease of doing business, Uttar Pradesh is now focusing on speed of doing business, said chief executive officer of the Uttar



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“The state is entering the next phase of reforms with focus on faster clearances and time-bound delivery,” Singh said, delivering keynote address at UP Transformation

Dialogue on Friday. He said it was heartening to see how UP was catching up with some of the global trends defining the modern-day world.

He underlined that UP should play on its strengths, which are agriculture and human resources. “UP is uniquely positioned in agriculture, with 75% of its land under cultivation compared to 45% in India and 10% globally. Assured irrigation covers 86% of farmland in UP, against 55% nationally and 21% worldwide, a factor that can significantly help lift farming families out of poverty,” he said, adding that the characteristics could make UP a powerhouse of agriculture of the world.

Informing that while India generates nearly 20% of the world's data, it accounts for only around 3% of global data storage capacity, which speaks for the potential in this area. Singh said steps like UP's decision to build a State Data Authority would fortify its position. He reiterated that governance reforms were centred on building trust and efficiency.