

CM Yogi invokes Buddha, invites Japanese firms to invest in state

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LUCKNOW: Invoking Lord Buddha while highlighting the cultural and spiritual links between Uttar Pradesh and Japan, chief minister Yogi Adityanath on Wednesday invited Japan's transnational companies to invest in the state.

Stating that he salutes this sacred Land of the Rising Sun (Japan), Adityanath described Uttar Pradesh as not only the holy birthplace of Lord Shri Ram of the Suryavansh but also the sacred karmabhoomi of Lord Buddha.

"Some of the most significant global sites associated with Lord Buddha, including Sarnath, Shravasti, Kushinagar and Kausambi, are in Uttar Pradesh," he said in Tokyo where the Invest UP roadshow was conducted.

The Ramayana Circuit and Buddhist Circuit are being effectively developed in Uttar Pradesh, giving new momentum to spiritual tourism, he said.

"When we speak of Bhagwan Shri Ram and Bhagwan Buddha, it connects to the great Suryavansh tradition whose first rays rise on the land of Japan. With



CM Yogi Adityanath during his interaction with the Indian community in Tokyo on Wednesday.

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this sense of cultural affinity, I welcome you all and urge you to invest in Uttar Pradesh," the chief minister said.

"Uttar Pradesh, with a population of 25 crore, is the country's largest consumer market. The larger the population, the greater the challenges and the greater the opportunities. Over the past nine years, the state's economy and per capita income have nearly tripled," he said.

He also informed the gathering how Uttar Pradesh has covered a long transformational journey from a BIMARU state to India's growth engine.

Despite having only 11% of the country's agricultural land, UP produces nearly 21% of the nation's foodgrains, he said.

This creates significant investment opportunities in food processing, packaging and agri logistics, he added.

"In recent years, infrastructure has developed rapidly in the state. Uttar Pradesh has an extensive expressway network, the country's largest rail network and is the junction of the Eastern and Western Dedicated Freight Corridors," he said.

JAPANESE CITY

He informed Japanese entrepreneurs about the proposed Japan Industrial City in the YEIDA region. He said that 16 airports are functional in the state, including four international airports, and Noida International Airport will soon commence operations.

"Near the Noida International Airport, a Japan Industrial City is being developed exclusively for Japanese investors. For this project, 500 acres of land has been identified. The objective is to enable Japanese industries to

CM gifts ODOP artefacts in Singapore, Japan

LUCKNOW: CM Yogi Adityanath gifted traditional One District One Product (ODOP) artefacts of Uttar Pradesh to political leaders, corporate leaders and children during his visit to Singapore and Japan. Yogi presented more than 500 unique artworks, including specially designed gifts prepared under his direction, particularly for children. The gifts included over 300 children's artworks made in mandala art. Foreign

recipients appreciated the gifts. The Gulabi Meenakari of Varanasi attracted special attention as did the colourful glass idols of Shri Ram, Shiva, Radha-Krishna and Buddha made in Firozabad. Other artefacts included meenakari crafted figures of Buddha and peacock from Varanasi, a model of the Kashi Vishwanath Temple, and wooden idols of Shiva and Radha-Krishna from Saharanpur.

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invest as a cluster at one location. They will be provided with superior connectivity, logistics and export facilities," the chief minister said.

"Investment in Uttar Pradesh is secure because scale, skill, stability and speed are all available here. Around 55% of India's mobile manufacturing and nearly 60% of electronic component production takes place in Uttar Pradesh," he said.

There are strong investment opportunities in data centres, semiconductors, logistics, warehousing and renewable energy. Recently, the foundation stone of a semiconductor unit was laid in the Noida region, the chief minister said.

He also said the state has a land bank of 75,000 acres. A new industrial city is being developed over 56,000 acres in the Bundelkhand region near Jhansi,

which will accelerate regional industrial development.

He said that Uttar Pradesh has 96 lakh MSME units, providing employment to more than three crore people. New units are exempted from several types of NOCs for 1000 days to facilitate ease of establishment.

Single window systems such as Nivesh Mitra and Nivesh Sarathi have simplified the investment process. Due to improved law and order and transparent policies, Uttar Pradesh is among the leading states in ease of doing business, he said.

UP finance minister Suresh Khanna, industrial development minister Nand Gopal Gupta 'Nandi', India's ambassador to Japan Sibi George, and a large number of representatives from Japan's industrial community were prominent among those present on the occasion.

INTERACTIONS PRODUCTIVE, FORWARD-LOOKING: CM

LUCKNOW: Chief minister Yogi Adityanath on Wednesday held a series of meetings with top companies in Japanese, hailing the interactions as productive and forward-looking.

In a post on X, Yogi said, "Met the delegation of Minda Corporation (Spark Minda Group) and its Japanese joint venture partners in Tokyo today, including Aakash Minda, Executive Director, Minda Corporation, and Hiroaki Omori, Managing Director and CFO, Spark Minda Toyo Denso Pvt. Ltd. A MoU was signed to further strengthen Uttar Pradesh's advanced auto component manufacturing ecosystem. Assured the delegation of full support from the Government of Uttar Pradesh for seamless facilitation, land allocation and infrastructure assistance, reinforcing our commitment to industrial growth, technology partnerships and employment generation."

In another post, he wrote: "Had a productive and forward-looking meeting with Kazuki Shimizu, Managing Officer, Chief Operating Officer of Infrastructure Projects Business Unit, Mitsui & Co., along with senior members of his team, in Tokyo today. Invited Mitsui & Co. to explore transformative investment opportunities in Uttar Pradesh across Renewable Energy, ICT, Semiconductors and Data Centres, aligned with the state's rapid industrial expansion. Also discussed collaboration in infrastructure projects, logistics networks and industrial investments to strengthen UP's growth corridors and global supply chain integration."

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