

Only those who are powerful can lead with compassion & confidence: Yogi

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The CM said India's economic and strategic strength would pave the way for global welfare and humanity. Referring to the anniversary of the restoration of Somnath temple and the Pokhran nuclear tests conducted under former Prime Minister Atal Bihari Vajpayee, Yogi said nations that possess strength are better positioned to promote compassion and friendship.

"Only those who are powerful can lead with compassion and confidence. Merely pleading before the world will not earn respect," he remarked.

The CM said UP once struggled with an identity crisis. "People used to distance themselves from the state. There were over 300 riots annually, businessmen faced extortion and industries were fleeing," he said. Recalling the condition of roads before 2017, he remarked that travellers could identify the UP border simply by the potholes after dark.

Yogi said that his experience in managing the Gorakhnath Math helped him in governing the state. "A math functions with discipline, time management and financial accountability. I implemented the same principles in governance," he



Chief minister Yogi Adityanath during the CII Annual Business Summit 2026, in New Delhi, Monday

Industry leaders praise Yogi model of development

Industry leaders praised CM Yogi Adityanath's leadership and the transformation of UP at the CII meet. CII Director General Chandrajit Banerjee said, "UP has made an exceptional contribution to India's economic progress in the past few years. Infrastructure has developed rapidly and investment and business activities have gained new momentum under the leadership of CM Yogi." CII President Rajiv Memani said, "Industry now views the state from a completely different perspective." Memani added, "Industrialists from India and abroad now want to invest in Uttar Pradesh, and with his guidance and support, this path will become even stronger." He praised Yogi govt's law and order situation and administrative functioning. He added that people's perception of UP changes completely when they travel through the state.

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He claimed that restoring the rule of law and ending "policy paralysis" were among the first priorities of his govt.

Citing Prayagraj as an example, he said there was a time when a mafia don could stop the convoy of the Allahabad high court chief justice. "Such incidents are no longer imaginable in the state," he said.

Highlighting improvements in investment climate and infrastructure, the CM said the govt had focused on land banks, industrial policies and strengthening supply chains.

He said destinations such as Ayodhya, Varanasi, Mathura-Vrindavan, Vindhyachal and Buddhist circuits were being developed as world-class spiritual and cultural destinations.

Meanwhile, industry leaders at the summit appreciated what they described as the "Yogi model" of governance and development in UP.

CII director general Chandrajit Banerjee said UP had made remarkable contributions to India's economic growth.

CII president Rajiv Memani described the changes in UP as a "phenomenal transformation".