

'UP has emerged from an identity crisis to become one of the country's top-3 economies': CM Yogi

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Uttar Pradesh Chief Minister Yogi Adityanath said over the past nine years, the state has emerged from an identity crisis and become one of the country's leading economies. He claimed that 60 per cent of the country's expressways are located in Uttar Pradesh. "A road network of four lakh kilometres has been developed. All district headquarters have been connected through four-lane connectivity. The number of medical colleges has increased from 41 to 83, and efforts have been made to establish a medical

college in every district," he claimed. Addressing the concluding session of the three-day Digital Democracy Dialogue "Invent here on Monday night," the CM said, "Uttar Pradesh's new identity is now being shaped through One District-One Product, One District-One Cuisine, and One District-One Medical College". Referring to the assistance provided by villagers from Chitrakoot to devotees from Tamil Nadu during the Mahakumbh, he added that this reflects the true spirit of Ek Bharat-Shreshtha Bharat". CM Adityanath informed, "Under the guidance of Prime Minister Modi, UP has completed along journey during the last 9

years. It has emerged from an identity crisis and risen above the category of a BIMARU state to become a breakthrough force in India's economy, demonstrating its strength in every sector." He added that Uttar Pradesh is no longer counted among the country's backward states. Instead, it is now among the top-three economies in India. In every welfare scheme, Uttar Pradesh's name can be found among the leading states. Speaking about the role of the media in the current scenario, the Chief Minister stated, "It is not appropriate to consider only negative developments as news. Presenting news as news is the responsibility of the media, and personal opinions should not



be mixed into it." He added by saying, "Views should not be mixed with news. There is a separate space for

not merely content creators but can also contribute significantly to society as opinion makers. They can give society the courage to align public opinion with the truth." The Chief Minister said, walking on the path of truth is a great challenge in itself, but ultimately 'Satyamev Jayate', meaning truth alone triumphs. If every individual in society becomes conscious of their responsibilities, positive outcomes will certainly follow. He said, "The State Forensic Institute established in Lucknow is not only a centre for FSL and cyber security, but has also become a major institution offering certificate, diploma and degree courses related to modern

technologies." Recalling an incident from 9 years ago, he said that the land belonged to the Uttar Pradesh Police but was occupied by a notorious mafia figure from Lucknow. In 2017, when the need was felt to expand forensic facilities, action was initiated to free the land. Following bulldozer action, the mafia voluntarily handed over the land to the government, and today students are receiving training at the same location. He further said that under the new criminal laws, forensic evidence is mandatory in cases involving punishment of more than seven years, and mobile forensic vans have already been arranged in every district of

Uttar Pradesh. The Chief Minister informed, "Under the guidance of Prime Minister Narendra Modi, BrahMos missiles are being manufactured in Lucknow. For this purpose, the Uttar Pradesh Government provided nearly 200 acres of land free of cost. Look at the power of BrahMos. The day the first BrahMos missile rolled out, it was used against Pakistan on the third day. What is the value of land when compared to national security?" He further added that although the land was provided free of cost, when approximately 150 BrahMos missiles are manufactured annually, Uttar Pradesh will receive nearly Rs 135 crore every year in GST revenue.

