

UP, Japan to deepen coop in semiconductors, skill dev: CM

Two sides discuss Japanese investment in Uttar Pradesh; Yogi highlights opportunities ranging from MSMEs to large industries

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LUCKNOW: Uttar Pradesh and Japan will deepen cooperation in semiconductors, advanced technology, skill development, employment and tourism, chief minister Yogi Adityanath said after meeting Japanese Ambassador to India, Ono Keiichi, here on Friday.

The Japanese side informed that during Prime Minister Sanae Takaichi's visit to India in July 2026, semiconductors were identified as one of five priority areas for Japan-India economic security cooperation. They said a team of industry representatives will visit UP to explore opportunities in the semiconductor sector. A Japanese industry team is also scheduled to visit Semicon India and HCL Technologies in mid-September. Japan also expressed interest in sending a team to UP to explore opportunities and invited UP to participate in the Semiconductor Committee meeting of the Japan Chamber of Commerce and Industry.

Adityanath said Japan's technological expertise combined with UP's industrial capabilities can create strong collaboration in this critical sector.

The two sides discussed Japanese investment in UP, with Adityanath highlighting opportunities ranging from MSMEs to large industries. Japanese companies, including Yamaha, Denso, NTT DATA, Toyo Ink, and Panasonic already have a presence in the state.

Skill development was another key focus, with discussions on setting up centres to train UP youth according to the requirements of Japanese industries. The proposals included setting up skill development centres aligned with Japanese standards, and preparing youth for



Ambassador of Japan to India Ono Keiichi calling on chief minister Yogi Adityanath at his official residence, in Lucknow on Friday.

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JAPAN ALSO SOUGHT UP'S PARTICIPATION IN 'TOURISM EXPO JAPAN 2026' IN SEPTEMBER, WHICH THE CM APPROVED.

jobs in manufacturing, agriculture and nursing care in Japan. An employment fair in Agra in March for Japan's agriculture sector and an MoU between Amity University and Ibaraki Prefecture were cited as examples. The meeting came as a delegation of more than 200 Japanese industry representatives is visiting Uttar Pradesh. Several MoUs have been signed, with proposed investments expected to generate around 10,000 jobs.

Japan also sought Uttar Pradesh's participation in 'Tourism Expo Japan 2026' in September, which the chief minister approved. The state plans to showcase its Buddhist, cultural and heritage tourism destinations. With 2.19 lakh Japanese tourists visiting India in 2025, UP sees huge potential in Buddhist, spiritual and heritage tourism. Links between Sarnath and Nara were highlighted ahead of the 75th anniversary of India-Japan ties in 2027.



A cultural performance during the UP-Japan Investment Meet 2026 on Friday.

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ADITYANATH INSPECTS EXHIBITION

LUCKNOW : Chief minister Yogi Adityanath on Friday inspected the exhibition at the UP-Japan Investment Meet 2026 at the Indira Gandhi Pratishthan here.

He visited various stalls and got details about the products and their technology on display. The exhibition showcased the strength of indigenous products along with modern technology. Cutting-edge products from the aerospace, defence, agriculture and construction sectors drew major attention.

The Tejasvaan drone by Maral Aerospace, an IIT Kanpur incubated startup, was the key

attraction. Escorts Kubota's farm equipment, Hoverit's Divyastra MK-1, and MKU's ballistic helmets and security gear also caught the eye.

The indigenous fixed-wing UAV 'Tejasvaan' by Maral Aerospace was the most discussed product at the expo. It can fly for 12 hours straight. Founder Vivek Kumar Pandey said the company is a deep-tech aerospace startup incubated at IIT Kanpur. It is developing indigenously designed unmanned aerial systems for defence, security and commercial sectors capable of long endurance.

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3 MoUs INKED FOR BOOST TO JOBS, TOURISM AND LANGUAGE

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LUCKNOW: The Yogi government took a big step toward a "skills-first" partnership with Japan on Friday, signing three memorandums of understanding (MoUs) that promise jobs abroad, more Japanese tourists in UP and Japanese-speaking talent from the state.

The agreements were exchanged at the UP-Japan Investment Meet in Lucknow and focused squarely on people not just projects.

The first deal was between the Invest UP and the Japan Technical Training Centre, TTRC. IIDC Deepak Kumar signed for UP, while TTRC Director Suchki Kamada represented Japan. Under it, UP youth will be trained for Japanese work culture, language and technical standards and will be given jobs in Japan. Over 100 youth from the state have landed jobs in Japan through TTRC so far. Two of them, Pushpendra Singh Chauhan and Adarsh Kumar Kushwaha, were called on stage and felicitated. Their stories were held up as the model for what's next. "The goal now is to scale this up and make Japan a mainstream career option for UP's young workforce," the CM said.

The second MoU was between UP Tourism and Yamanashi Prefecture. Additional chief secretary, tourism and culture, Amrit Abhijat signed for UP, with Yoshi Yuki Koizumi, DG, Culture Tourism and Sports, Yamanashi, signing for Japan. It aims to promote two-way tourist movement.

The third MoU, between the UP labour and employment department was signed by principal secretary, labour, Shanmuga Sundaram MK and Katsuya Hada, DG, Innovation Promotion Bureau, Yamanashi. The plan is to build a continuous supply of Japanese-language proficient workers from UP.