

Japan co-creator of UP's future as global innovation hub: Yogi

Governor of Japan's Yamanashi Prefecture says Rs 600-crore fund will be created to support MSME investment in UP

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LUCKNOW: Chief minister Yogi Adityanath on Friday declared Japan was no longer just an investor for Uttar Pradesh but a "co-creator" in building the state's future as a global manufacturing and innovation hub.

"UP plus Japan means global manufacturing powerhouse," he said, addressing the valedictory session of the UP-Japan Investment Meet 2026 at Indira Gandhi Pratishthan here. Uttar Pradesh is ready to write a new chapter with Japan, one that moves "beyond cheques to co-creation," he said.

"Our objective is clear: convert MoUs into production, production into global exports, and investment into employment," he said.

"Industries of India's 2047 are being shaped today. Uttar Pradesh wants to build that future with Japan," he added.

In a major announcement, Kotaro Nagasaki, governor of Japan's Yamanashi Prefecture, said a Rs 600-crore fund will be created to support investment by Yamanashi-based MSMEs in



Representatives of Uttar Pradesh and Japan sign MoU in the presence of chief minister Yogi Adityanath and Kotaro Nagasaki, governor of Japan's Yamanashi Prefecture, during the UP-Japan Investment Meet 2026 at Indira Gandhi Pratishthan in Lucknow on Friday.

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Uttar Pradesh. Yamanashi is one of the 47 prefectures in Japan. A prefecture is equivalent to a state in India.

Calling it a strong vote of confidence, Adityanath said the partnership will now get institutional teeth. A dedicated 'Yamanashi Desk' will be set up at Invest UP to hand-hold Japanese companies, coordinate with Yamanashi's government and industries, and fast-track approvals. To plug implementation gaps, both sides will do a 90-day review of projects, land, approvals and challenges.

"The Yamanashi model will later be replicated with other Japanese prefectures," Adityanath added.

Describing youth as UP's big-

gest strength, Adityanath said, "Our goal is skills as per industry needs, and employment as per those skills."

The chief minister said Japan had an exceptional legacy of industrial experience, while Uttar Pradesh had an energetic young generation ready to learn, create and lead.

"Our goal is that the youth of

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