

# 'Ravidas Nagar, Vns, Mirzapur to be silk cluster'

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**Varanasi:** Chief minister Yogi Adityanath on Sunday assured the exporters, sellers and prominent entrepreneurs of the carpet industry that the Uttar Pradesh govt will develop Sant Ravidas Nagar, Mirzapur and Varanasi as a dedicated silk cluster, while the Varanasi-Vindhya Regional Development Plan will also be implemented soon.

During his stay at the golden jubilee edition of the India Carpet Expo, CM Yogi interacted with the exporters, sellers and prominent entrepreneurs of the carpet industry.

Entrepreneurs raised issues related to a separate policy for the carpet industry, business requirements and the participation of women entrepreneurs. Carpet businessman Anil Kumar from Mirzapur appreciated the Yogi govt's work, improved connectivity but he also raised issues concerning the ancient city of Mirzapur and its carpet business.

Another trader, Imtiyaz Ahmed, said that entrepreneurs have benefited greatly from the ODOP scheme. If the govt formulates a policy for the carpet industry along similar lines, it will further benefit the business and create new employment opportunities.

CM Yogi listened to them one by one and assured them that the govt would take cognisance of the issues raised.