

Uttar Pradesh: An Emerging Leader in Global Logistics & Warehousing Infrastructure

Uttar Pradesh, India's most populous state, is now making headlines for reasons beyond its vast human capital. Under the visionary leadership of Chief Minister Yogi Adityanath, Uttar Pradesh has transformed into a logistics and warehousing powerhouse. From massive expressways to inland waterways, the state's infrastructure has been tailored to support global businesses, attracting warehousing giants and logistics firms alike. But what is driving this monumental shift, and how has UP climbed the Logistics Ease of Doing Business rankings from 2014 to 2022?

Infrastructure Built for Global Business

The logistics infrastructure in Uttar Pradesh is nothing short of world-class. Some key developments that stand out are:

- 5 International Airports (4 operational & 1 upcoming in Jewar), ensuring seamless global and domestic connectivity.
- 13 Expressways, including 1120 miles of 8-lane expressways connecting major cities and industrial hubs.
- Eastern & Western Dedicated Freight Corridors spanning 57% of the state's catchment area, revolutionizing cargo movement and cutting down transit time.
- Inland Waterway NW-1, India's first of its kind, running from Varanasi to Haldia, offering a cost-effective and eco-friendly logistics option.
- 10,000 miles of railway network and 16,000+ km of seamless road networks, ensuring quick movement of goods within and outside the state.

Key Policies and Incentives Driving Growth

One of the key pillars behind this significant rise is the Uttar Pradesh Warehousing & Logistics Policy 2022, a strategic move aimed at improving infrastructure while offering attractive incentives. Some standout features include:

- Capital Subsidy to ease financial burdens for new investments.
- Skill Development Subsidy, ensuring a skilled workforce to handle warehousing and logistics efficiently.
- Purchase Subsidy for setting up logistics parks, trucker parks, and warehousing facilities.
- Front-end subsidies such as incentives for setting up dry ports, cargo terminals, and silos.

These policies, backed by the efforts of Invest UP, have drawn global enterprises to establish their logistics and warehousing facilities in the state, transforming it into a logistics hub of international repute.

Impressive Climb in Logistics Ease of Doing Business Rankings

The Logistics Ease of Doing Business (LEADS) Rankings reflect the consistent improvement in UP's logistics ecosystem. In 2014, Uttar Pradesh was far from being considered a key player, but fast forward to 2022, and the state has emerged as an 'Achiever State', with its ranking seeing a significant leap.

Key efforts leading to this transformation include:

- Streamlined regulatory processes through the implementation of the Nivesh Sarathi Portal, a one-stop solution for investors.

- Strategic partnerships with both global and domestic companies, facilitated by a pro-business environment created by the UP government.
- Proactive monitoring and support from Invest UP to ensure smooth project implementation and to address bottlenecks swiftly.

A Model for Future Growth

The initiatives taken by the state government under Shree Yogi Adityanath's leadership have not only improved rankings but have also set the stage for Uttar Pradesh to become the preferred logistics and warehousing destination in India.

Some of the notable achievements are:

- Uttar Pradesh has one of the largest storage capacities in India, with 689 railway goods sheds and 2,406 cold storages. The state's cold storage capacity is the highest in the country, making up 39.84% of the total national capacity (as per LEADS 2021).
- The establishment of mega logistics parks across the state, catering to industries ranging from FMCG to e-commerce.
- The state is developing integrated logistics parks and multi-modal logistics hubs to improve supply chain efficiency.
- The state is developing Multi-Modal Logistics hub at Dadri.
- The state is developing Multi-Modal Transport hub at Boraki.
- The state is making 100 PM GatiShakti Cargo Terminals for multimodal logistics facilities under PM GatiShakti National Master Plan 2021.

Uttar Pradesh's rise as a logistics and warehousing hub is a result of visionary leadership, policy innovations, and a relentless drive for progress. With world-class infrastructure, unmatched connectivity, and a business-friendly ecosystem, the state has become an attractive destination for global and domestic firms looking for efficient logistics solutions. The future looks bright for UP as it continues to attract investment and strengthen its position in global supply chains.

For more details on the policies and opportunities in Uttar Pradesh, you can explore [Invest UP's official site] (<https://invest.up.gov.in/warehousing-logistics/>).