

Self-employment drive will make U.P. youths self-reliant, says Yogi

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LUCKNOW: Chief minister Yogi Adityanath on Thursday asked senior officers of his government to launch the Mukhyamantri Yuva Udyami Vikas Abhiyan (chief minister's young entrepreneurs development campaign) to connect educated and trained youth with opportunities for self-employment in Uttar Pradesh.

Yogi presided over a high-level meeting and said the state government had earmarked funds for the 'Mukhyamantri Yuva Udyami Vikas Abhiyan' in the annual budget for 2024-2025 and this was the time to implement the initiative.

He viewed a presentation of the MSME department about the launch of the campaign and said the scheme will play a significant role in the state government's efforts to create self-employment.

Yogi said more youths should be made aware of the scheme and be encouraged to earn their

livelihood and become self-reliant.

The state government proposes to provide financial grants to 100,000 youths annually by making loans from banks available to them. This will lead to the establishment of 100,000 micro enterprises every year and 1 million (10 lakh) youths will have the opportunity to engage in self-employment in the next 10 years.

Yogi said provisions should be made to offer grants not only to the general category but also to OBCs, women, disabled and those belonging to SCs and STs.

He said subsidies should also be provided on margin money. The CM said interest-free loans should be made available to young entrepreneurs as far as possible.

Yogi said to guarantee effective implementation and ongoing monitoring of the scheme, qualified youths should be assigned to each district on the pattern of "CM Fellows" deployed in aspirational development blocks.

He said before offering financing for setting up an enterprise, it is essential to provide proper training to the youth. The CM said new entrepreneurs should receive assistance in packaging, branding, and marketing their products.



Chief minister Yogi Adityanath.

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CM inaugurates super specialty hospital in Lko

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LUCKNOW : Chief minister Yogi Adityanath on Thursday said his government is focusing on identifying and developing opportunities in both the public and private sectors to connect the state's vast population with development and employment.

Speaking at an event after inaugurating Health City Vistar Hospital (a 300-bed super specialty hospital and trauma centre) in Gomti Nagar Extension here, Yogi said the Rs 200-crore project was the first among those signed at during the

Global Investors' Summit (GIS) held in Lucknow last year.

The CM also spoke of the progress made in health sector and other sectors in the past decade. "The new hospital represents more than just a facility for medical service. It also serves as a means of livelihood," he added.

Spread over 3 acres, the hospital has modern facilities, including 8 OTs, and 60 critical care beds. Lucknow mayor Sushma Kharakwal, MLA Yogesh Shukla and the hospital's MD Dr Sandeep Kapoor were prominent among those present on the occasion.