

# UP ranks first among states on highest investment in development and infrastructure

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Uttar Pradesh has ranked first in the country for making the highest investment in development and infrastructure, according to a recent report. This was due to the fastest industrial development in the state during the past 8 years.

According to the report, UP alone is estimated to have a share of 16.3 per cent in the financial year 2025-26 in India's total capital expenses, which is the highest among all states. This will be the second consecutive year when Uttar Pradesh will be on top of capital expenditure under the leadership of Chief Minister Yogi Adityanath.

The capital expenditure means the amount that governments spend on the construction or acquisition of permanent assets such as roads and highways, schools, and hospitals, among other infrastructures. In simple terms, this is the expense that the government makes for future convenience and development, such as building infrastructure.

According to the recent report submitted by the Bank of Baroda, the total capital expenditure of 26 states of the country is estimated to reach Rs 10.2 lakh crore in FY 2025-

26, which was Rs 8.7 lakh crore in the last financial year. According to the report, Uttar Pradesh has a share of 16.3 per cent followed by Gujarat (9.4 per cent), Maharashtra (8.3 per cent), Madhya Pradesh (8.1 per cent) and Karnataka (7.6 per cent). These five states will jointly spend more than 50 per cent of the country's total capital expenditure.

At the top of these figures, the name of Uttar Pradesh is an indication that the speed of infrastructure and industrial development in the state is faster compared to other states. In the last financial year 2024-25, UP also spent the highest 16.9 per cent capital. This was followed by Maharashtra (10.9 per cent), Gujarat (8.1 per cent), Madhya Pradesh (7.5 per cent), and Odisha (6.4 per cent).

The reports say that large projects such as the strategic plan, investor conferences, logistics hub construction, expressways, and airports expanded by the UP government in the last few years have made the state the country's leader in terms of capital investment. Mega projects such as UP Industrial Defence Corridor, International Film City, Medical Colleges, and Ganga Expressway mega projects are among the prominent examples.