## UP mulls extending factory licence validity, simplifying shop and establishment rules

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Adding that with this, UP will become the first in the country to reclassify such provisions as non-criminal, the CM



said: "Provisions mandating imprisonment will be replaced with heavier fi-

nancial penalties and administrative action. Unnecessary punishments should give way to a fair and transparent system."

Labour reforms under consideration include extending factory licence validity, simplifying shop and establishment rules and creating more opportunities for women.

To ensure transparency, the CM proposed a self-certification and third-party audit system for inspections, reducing industry burden while safeguarding worker

## Nivesh Mitra 3.0 rollout soon

A s part of the reform agenda, the govt is also preparing to roll out 'Nivesh Mitra 3.0', a fully digital, investor-friendly platform with features such as a common application form, PAN-based identification, smart dashboard, multilingual support and an Al chatbot. The CM directed that services be delivered on time and grievances resolved promptly.

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An official spokesperson said the departments have been asked for feedback on the bill. They revealed that while most have agreed, some have raised objections. Taking note of this, the CM directed that all inputs be addressed to balance the interests of both industry and workers.