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UTTAR PRADESH

Merchandise exports surge 32% to ₹60K cr

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Despite weak economic sentiment in key international markets, the Uttar Pradesh merchandise exports have surged 32 per cent year-on-year to ₹60,578 crore during the April-July 2022 period.

The state exported goods worth ₹45,861 crore during April-July 2021.

“Uttar Pradesh is ahead of some major states, including Andhra Pradesh, Haryana, West Bengal, and Odisha, in terms of growth in exports even as the corresponding growth rate of eight Indian states even went negative,” a government spokesperson said.

The states that saw their exports nose-dive into a negative territory include Uttarakhand, Tripura, Nagaland, Mizoram, Manipur, Jharkhand, etc.

Uttar Pradesh registered an upswing in exports of an array of labour-intensive segments, such as electrical machinery/equipment, meat, textiles, footwear, vehicles/auto parts, etc.

The electrical machinery/equipment segment grew nearly 90 per cent with shipments jumping to ₹13,606 crore in the April-July 2022 from ₹7,202 crore in the year-ago period.

Meanwhile, the UP government is targeting to increase merchandise exports from the current level of ₹1.56 trillion to ₹3 trillion in the next three years.



The micro, small, and medium enterprises (MSME) sector contributes the maximum of more than 70 per cent to the UP export basket.

The state has witnessed a surge in shipments, especially after the government implemented its flagship One District One Product scheme, which is aimed at reviving the indigenous industries through financial infusion, capacity building and marketing support.

Now, the state is developing each of its 75 districts as export hubs to provide impetus to shipments. Of the 50 pan-Indian districts selected by the Centre to develop as model export hubs under a pilot project, six belong to UP, namely Moradabad, Kanpur, Varanasi, Bhadohi, Agra, and Gautam Buddha Nagar (Noida).

Moreover, the UP government is striving for import substitution to bolster the domestic industries and create job opportunities.