

# UP's GSDP to surpass ₹32 trn in FY25: CM

## Adityanath says 64K hectares freed from land mafia

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Uttar Pradesh Chief Minister Yogi Adityanath on Wednesday said the foundation of the state's rapid cultural, economic, and industrial growth since 2017 had been its zero-tolerance policy towards crime. He said the state's gross domestic product (GSDP) should surpass ₹32 trillion by March 2025, and Uttar Pradesh was now competing to become the country's top economy.

Addressing the *Business Standard* Samriddhi roundtable, Adityanath detailed his government's investments in improving the state's infrastructure, especially through the construction of expressways. He also highlighted efforts to attract foreign direct investment (FDI), with proposals amounting to nearly ₹40 trillion, which would create 15 million jobs for the state's youngsters. The CM emphasised the government's support for traditional industries,



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such as Moradabad's brass, Firozabad's glass, and Bhadohi's carpet manufacturers, as well as the state's agricultural sector.

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In his nearly hour-long speech, the CM said his government had "ruthlessly" crushed mafia groups and that rioters now know their actions will have consequences. "From the lawlessness of 'one district, one mafia group' during the previous governments, the state has transitioned to 'one district, one product'," the CM said.

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Uttar Pradesh (UP) Chief Minister Yogi Adityanath added that the crackdown on land mafias by the anti-land mafia squad has freed 64,000 hectares of land. "Today, there is no scarcity of land for setting up businesses and for infrastructure development," he said.

The CM said that when his government took over, the size of the annual Budget for a large state like UP, with a population of 220 million, was ₹2 trillion, which has now increased to ₹7.5 trillion. The GSDP has risen from ₹12

trillion to ₹26 trillion in 2023-24, and will touch ₹32 trillion by March 2025.

Adityanath also said that, over the past seven years, UP's ease of doing business (EoDB) ranking has improved from 14th in 2016-17 to number two in 2019. Currently, the state is the top achiever in EoDB. He said UP's economy, previously ranked seventh behind Maharashtra, Karnataka, Gujarat, West Bengal, and other states, is now the second-largest economy in the country. "Today, I can say with confidence that we are the no. 2 economy in the country, the fastest emerging economy and competing for the top spot. We have also car-

ried reforms in the farm sector, such as our compressed biogas plants," he said.

UP's Cabinet Minister for industrial development, export, and investment promotion, Nand Gopal Gupta 'Nandi', said Adityanath's leadership has led to multifaceted development in UP. "As much as half of the country's expressways are now in UP, as well as 21 airports, the highest number in any state," he said, adding that cultural revival and prosperity due to the Ram Temple in Ayodhya and the Kashi Vishwanath corridor have been accompanied by industrial growth.

In a subsequent panel discussion on

environmental protection with infrastructure and tourism development, former IAS officer and advisor to the UP CM, Awanish Kumar Awasthi, attributed the state's economic growth to "Yoginomics". Awasthi said the key tenets of 'Yoginomics' include absolute enforcement of the rule of law, the use of technology as a force multiplier for government departments, ensuring that UP becomes no. 1 in achieving the targets of central schemes, making the state a leader in agricultural production, creating jobs, providing a safe working environment for women, and prioritising capex over distributing freebies.