## UTTAR PRADESH State takes dry port route to boost exports

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Land-locked Uttar Pradesh, which is aiming to become a trillion-dollar economy by 2027, will develop a network of dry ports and freight container stations to boost exports. The state plans to develop a modern logistics ecosystem in partnership with private players.

A dry port is an inland intermodal port directly linked to a seaport by roads or railway to facilitate faster movement of export cargo. Under the UP Warehousing and Logistics Policy 2022, the state will fast-track land allotments for logistics parks and offer a string of subsidies and incentives to attract private investments.

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The state will support the private sector for the development of storage facilities, cold chains, multi-modal parks, container depots, and container freight stations infrastructure in the state.

"The fresh policy has been framed with an objective of developing a strong logistics ecosystem and fostering an international business and investment environment to achieve the trillion-dollar economy vision," a government official said. The state targets to hike merchandise exports from ₹1.56 trillion to nearly ₹3 trillion in three years.