

## **Israeli Ambassador calls on the Chief Minister**

### **Discussions held on cooperation in various sectors of UP-Israel**

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Uttar Pradesh Chief Minister Yogi Adityanath ji has said that India and Israel are cooperating in various sectors and strengthening the bilateral ties. Similarly, he added that the state government was interested in using the expertise of Israel in development of agriculture, irrigation, horticulture, energy, science and technology, smart cities and other sectors.

The Chief Minister was speaking at the meeting with Israeli ambassador to India Mr. Daniel Carmon. Yogi ji further informed the visiting envoy that owing to the depleting ground water, many regions have been declared dark zones in the state. In these areas, he further pointed out; technique developed by Israel could be of great help as also in the Bundelkhand region.

The Chief Minister also directed the chief secretary to constitute a joint-group to identify ways and means by which Israel and Uttar Pradesh can cooperate in the fields of agriculture, trade, culture and other policy related matters. The Israeli envoy thanked the chief minister for extending him an invitation to visit the state and said that as a representative of the Israel government, this was his maiden visit to Uttar Pradesh.

Mr. Carmon further said that strengthening of bilateral ties with India was one of the priorities of the Israeli government and narrated the problems Israel faced during nation building. He added that other than solving the problem of water shortage, special attention was accorded to food security for its citizens.

The Israeli envoy informed the chief minister that at present Israel was assisting India in 40 projects related to agriculture and horticulture of which 15 projects have been completed. Two projects are also being developed in Uttar Pradesh of which one is in Basti and the other is the vegetable development centre in Kannauj district.

These projects which will ultimately benefit 10-15,000 farmers will soon be completed he added and requested the chief minister to inaugurate them. Mr. Carmon also said that his country can also extend their cooperation to the 'Namami Gange' project rolled out by Prime Minister Mr. Narendra Modi ji for rejuvenation of the river Ganga. With this, Israel can also assist in coordinating and facilitating investment from Israeli investors and industrial houses.

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