

**Strong Economy of Uttar Pradesh will act as a backbone to strengthen Indo-US ties : Chief Minister**

**Efforts of the Prime Minister have ushered in a new era in the Indo-US relationship : Chief Minister**

**Under the leadership of the Prime Minister, India is fast emerging as a growing economy in the world**

**Immense potential for investment and business in all sectors in the state**

**State Government committed to creating a conducive environment for business and an investor friendly atmosphere**

**For benefit of investors, a single window system has been established under supervision of the Chief Minister's Office**

**Delegates of the US-India Strategic Partnership Forum meets the Chief Minister**

**Delegation led by Boeing India President Mr. Pratyush Kumar praises steps initiated by the state government for economic development of Uttar Pradesh**

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Uttar Pradesh Chief Minister Yogi Adityanath ji has said that due to the efforts of Prime Minister Mr. Narendra Modi, a new era has been ushered in the Indo-US. He further added that India was emerging as a growing economy under the leadership of the Prime Minister. Yogi ji pointed out how Modi ji was hopeful of Uttar Pradesh galloping ahead on the road to prosperity.

Strong Economy of Uttar Pradesh will act as a backbone to strengthen Indo-US ties, the Chief Minister stated and said that his government was committed to providing an investor friendly

environment in the state for which work is underway to strengthen power supply, better road connectivity and to ensure a spruced up law and order machinery.

The Chief Minister made these comments at the meeting with delegates of the US-India Strategic Partnership Forum who met him at his Shastri Bhawan office. Also present during the meeting was Health Minister Mr. Siddharthanath Singh. The delegates under the leadership of Boeing India President Mr. Pratyush Kumar praised the efforts of the state government towards improving the economic situation of the state.

The delegation showed keen interest in investing in healthcare, pharmaceutical, water conservation, cleanliness, rural development, waste management, agriculture, dairy development, animal husbandry, smart city, education, women empowerment, skill development, software technology, traffic, renewable energy, food processing and other sectors. They also requested the state government to cooperate in this regard.

Yogi ji said that the state, with a population of 22 crore was very big state and also the biggest market in the world. He also pointed out that since the size of the middle class was growing, the state offered immense potential for investment and business opportunities. The Chief Minister identified sectors like IT, energy, electronics, renewable energy, development of smart cities and development of infrastructure as key areas where opportunities for businessmen are present.

He also said that investment by US companies will ring in industrial development in the state and create jobs for the unemployed. For ease of doing business, the Chief Minister informed, a single window system has been established under the supervision of his office through which prompt clearances and permissions are being granted to investors. He

also assured the visiting delegation of all possible support and positive cooperation.

The Chief Minister informed the delegation that two new expressways were being built in Poorvanchal and Bundelkhand where the former will go from Lucknow to Ghazipur and pass through Varanasi, Gorakhpur and Ayodhya while the latter would go from Agra, Jhansi, Chitrakoot and Bundelkhand. There would be an industrial corridor in both the expressways, Yogi ji informed.

Work on the Poorvanchal Expressway will start by year end and on the Bundelkhand Expressway by March-April next year. Yogi ji also informed that work has been initiated on extending of the Metro Rail in Lucknow, Noida and Ghaziabad. Work will soon start on Metro Rail projects in three other cities, he added.

With this, he pointed out, the State Government was working on providing easy, affordable and lasting public transport systems and that work was also underway on enhancing and promoting regional air connectivity.

In his interaction with the delegation, Chief Secretary Mr. Rajeev Kumar said the State Government was committed to creating safe, transparent and conducive environment for investors in the state. During the meeting, Additional Chief Secretary (IT & Electronics) Mr. Sanjeev Saran, Additional Chief Secretary (Labour) Mr. RK Tiwari, Principal Secretary (Infrastructure and Industrial Development) Mr. Alok Sinha, Principal Secretary (Medical Education) Mr. Rajneesh Dubey, Principal Secretary (Urban Development) Mr. Manoj Kumar Singh, Principal Secretary (Food processing) Mr. Sudhir Garg apprised of the efforts initiated by the State Government for investment.

The delegation included Head of North India office at the US Embassy Mr. Ariel Pollock, Country Manager of South Asia and Middle-

East of the USTDA Mr. Heather Lannigan, India representative of the USTDA Ms. Mehnaz Ansari, Azure Power CEO Mr. Indrapreet Wadhwa, Chairman of Cargill India Mr. Siraj Chowdhary, MD of Merck Mr. Vivek Kamath, MD of Pratt and Whitney Mr. Palash Roy Chowdhary, Medtronic Director Mr. Amit Kumar Singh, Shire Head-External Affairs Mr. Bhaskar Jyoti Sonowal, partner of Dua Consultancy Mr. Balinder Singh, Vice President-Public Policy Master Card Mr. Rohan Mishra, Water Health's Business Development Manager Mr. Devesh Sharma, Director Public Policy) of Coca Cola India Mr. Chandra Mohan Gupta, Director (Government Affairs) of Honeywell Mr. Ashwini Channan, Senior Manager (Government Affairs) Mr. Dibyajyoti Bhuyan.

Besides, the delegation also included Adobe Director (Government Affairs) Mr. Rohan Mitra, Uber's Public Policy-South Asia Mr. Sameer Boray, Head of Homeland Security and Smart Cities-Mahindra Mr. Jasbir Singh, Head Economic Initiatives of Facebook Mr. Rajat Arora, Senior President of Yes Bank Ms. Preeti Sinha, Vice-President of Yes Bank-Yes Institute Ms. Shashwati Ghosh, Director (Government Affairs) of Monsanto Mr. Rakesh Dubey, Director (Government Affairs) of P&G Ms. Supriya Sharma, Director (Government Affairs) of Oracle Ms. Aslesha Khandeparkar, Chief Commercial Officer of GE Health Mr. Mandeep Singh.

Also present at the meeting were IIDC Dr Anoop Chandra Pandey, Principal Secretary to the Chief Minister Mr. SP Goel and other senior officers.

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