



UP Becomes First State to Fully Adopt GeM

Why in News?

Recently, Uttar Pradesh has **become the first state in India to fully integrate its procurement process with the [Government e-Marketplace \(GeM\)](#).**

Key Points

- Uttar Pradesh has **abolished its longstanding tendering system** by fully adopting GeM.
- This integration **mandates** that all service providers, from basic stationery suppliers to those providing **Sport Utility Vehicle (SUVs)** for official use, adhere strictly to central government regulations
- The comprehensive government order issued on 26th November, 2024, annuls over 33 previous **procurement**-related directives.
 - This move ensures full compliance with GeM protocols, reducing the likelihood of errors and misuse, and promoting a standardized procurement process.
- The state government **estimates that this shift to GeM-based procurement could save over Rs. 2,000 crore annually.**
 - This is achieved through competitive pricing and efficient procurement processes.
- The Uttar Pradesh Building and Other Construction Workers Welfare Board has **already leveraged GeM to procure quality infrastructure materials** for 18 Atal Residential Schools. These materials, including furniture and IT equipment, were delivered swiftly and at competitive prices, ensuring high standards for educational facilities.
 - The full adoption of GeM is expected to enhance the credibility of public procurement procedures in Uttar Pradesh.
- It **aligns with the state's broader goals of fostering a business-friendly environment** and ensuring transparency in government operations.
- This initiative also supports the state's ambitious economic targets, contributing to its goal of becoming a USD 1 trillion economy.
- Uttar Pradesh's commitment to **transparent procurement has been recognized at national levels.**
 - The state has been awarded for its exemplary performance in various categories, including total order value and highest services procurement.

Government e Marketplace (GeM)

- GeM is a **100% Government owned and National Public Procurement Portal** that facilitates online procurement of common use Goods & Services required by various Government Departments / Organisations / PSUs.
- The initiative was **launched by the Ministry of Commerce and Industry in 2016.**
- It provides the tools of e-bidding, reverse e-auction and demand aggregation to facilitate the government users, achieve the best value for their money and **aims to enhance transparency, efficiency and speed in public procurement.**

