



# Uttar Pradesh's Path to Economic Leadership

## Why in News?

Recently, the Chief Minister highlighted [Uttar Pradesh's rapid growth](#) towards becoming India's top economy, driven by infrastructural, industrial, and agricultural advancements.

## Key Points

- **GSDP Growth:** UP's [Gross State Domestic Product \(GSDP\)](#) is expected to surpass Rs. 32 trillion by FY25, up from Rs.26 trillion in FY24.
  - The government's crackdown on crime and land mafias has helped in reclaiming **64,000 hectares** of land to create space for businesses.
  - The government highlighted **Rs. 40 trillion FDI proposals** and 15 million job opportunities.
- **Focus on Traditional Sectors:** Support for industries like [Moradabad's brass](#), [Firozabad's glass](#), and [Bhadohi's carpets](#).
- **Ease of Doing Business:** UP ranked **2<sup>nd</sup>** in [EODB](#), transitioning from **14<sup>th</sup>** place in 2017.
  - UP's annual budget increased from **Rs. 2 trillion to Rs.7.5 trillion since 2017**.
  - **Rs.1.5 trillion** worth of infrastructure projects are underway.
- **Tourism Boost:** Cultural sites like [Ayodhya](#), [Varanasi](#), and Mathura attract millions of tourists.
- **Infrastructure Development:** Half of India's expressways and 21 airports are in UP.
- **Startup Ecosystem:** The '[Nivesh Mitra](#)' platform streamlines investment, supporting MSMEs and startups.
- **Agriculture and Rural Growth:** [NABARD](#) has provided Rs. 1 trillion in funding, and nearly 10,000 [Farmer Producer Organizations \(FPOs\)](#) are operational.

## Farmer Producer Organizations (FPOs)

- FPOs are voluntary organizations controlled by their **farmer-members** who actively participate in setting their policies and making decisions.
- They are open to all persons able to use their services and willing to accept the responsibilities of membership, without **gender, social, racial, political** or **religious discrimination**.
- FPOs operatives provide education and training for their farmer-members, elected representatives, managers, and employees so that they can contribute effectively to the development of their FPOs.
- FPOs in Gujarat, Maharashtra and Madhya Pradesh, Rajasthan and some other states have shown encouraging results and have been able to realise higher returns for their produce.
  - For example, tribal women in the Pali district of Rajasthan formed a producer company and they are getting higher prices for custard apples.

