



## ASSOCHAM members meet CM, present agenda of growth

**Lucknow (PNS):** Members of ASSOCHAM met Chief Minister Yogi Adityanath on Wednesday to present to him the agenda of growth for Uttar Pradesh.

Secretary general DS Rawat, while talking to *The Pioneer*, said that in the agenda, they had suggested to the CM to promote small units which generated more employment in comparison to the larger ones. "We have also suggested that there should be value addition to agriculture because farmers were crucial to the development of the state," he said.

He said that the Chief Minister had asked them to draft an industrial policy in terms of what the industry wanted. "We will be creating a core group of people who are from the industries, both medium and large ones, as well as the senior bureaucrats to make a policy which was on par with the other states and will bring in a lot of investment," he said. He further pointed out that they were also shortly going to submit an agricultural policy to help in the doubling of the farmers' income.

## Assocham releases six-point development agenda for state

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**LUCKNOW:** Industry body Assocham has submitted a six-point five-year development agenda to chief minister Yogi Adityanath which may serve as a guide for the new government on areas that require attention.

The 'Action Agenda', jointly prepared by Assocham and Thought Arbitrage Research Institute (TARI), was released at a press conference here on Wednesday by Assocham president Sandeep Jajodia, Assocham secretary general DS Rawat and director, TARI, Kshama V Kaushik.

The study has recommended measures for making Uttar Pra-

desh a vibrant economy with focus on skill development, agriculture, horticulture, handicraft, handloom, leather and leather products.

Suggesting an economic road map for the government, the study says the net migration of people in the age group of 20-29 years was 58,34,000 in 2001-11, up from 29,55,000 in 1991-2001.

The paper adds that monitoring and management centres of the State Skill Development Mission should be set up at district level and focus of skilling programme should be on high growth areas such as agriculture, building and constructions, handloom and handicraft, food processing, healthcare, leather and unorganised sector.

District-specific policies for skilling and livelihood generation in migration-hit regions should be formulated, it adds.

The paper says economic growth of UP is critical for India since it is the most populous state as well as home to the most number of poor - 17% of the total population and 22% of the total poor (Census 2011).

The state's economic growth (GSDP) has been, for most of the time in the past decade, lower than the national average.

"The state's industrial sector is driven by the small and medium scale industries - contributing about 60% of total manufacturing output and significant employment (about 60 lakhs)," the document says.

# UP has highest migration rate in country: ASSOCHAM

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**Lucknow:** A study conducted by the apex industry body, ASSOCHAM, claims that Uttar Pradesh has the highest migration rate in the country. To check this, it has suggested to the state government to focus more on creation of jobs through medium, small and micro industries and setting up skill centres to train modern workforce.

The members of Associated Chambers of Commerce of India (ASSOCHAM) also submitted a six-point development agenda for UP to chief minister Aditya Nath Yogi on Wednesday.

The study states that UP's net migration is more than the double of Bihar — the state next to UP in pan-India migration list.

It also states that migration of people (in the 20-29 age-group) jumped from 29,55,000 in 1991-2001 decade to 58,34,000 in 2001-11 decade.

The reasons for this were poverty and unemployment. As per Census 2011, UP is the most populous state in India and also home to the maximum number of poor — 22% of total poor in India.

ASSOCHAM president Sandeep Jajodia said, "UP has about 12 million youth who can contribute towards modern workforce. All we need is to set skill centres to train them in various crafts and skills. We have suggested

to the CM to introduce district specific policies that would impart training and create jobs specific to that district."

The study also points out low telephone density in UP, which is 71.5% as compared to the national average of 90%. In Delhi, it is

## ASSOCHAM'S SUGGESTIONS TO UP GOVT



Train farmers to adopt modern & scientific methods of agriculture

- Expedite integrated industrial township projects in Auraiya and Jhansi
- Creation of ₹100cr corpus to promote incubators and start-ups
- Introduce district specific

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skill & livelihood generation policies

- Revisit Energy policy 2009 to encourage pvt sector for capacity addition
- Provide broadband services in rural & distant areas via cable TV network

Improve marketing linkages, financial access



238%. ASSOCHAM said this gap is also a major deterrent in the state's development.

ASSOCHAM will organise a Women Stand-Up Conclave in Lucknow in July to inculcate entrepreneurship skills among women and encourage them to begin start-ups. It has also suggested to the government to improve road infrastructure through maximum utilisation of Central funds like other states- MP, Andhra Pradesh, Gujarat etc.

Jajodia said, "The Centre has allocated Rs 4 lakh crore for infrastructure development in UP. It will help in the development of industries and drawing foreign direct investment in Uttar Pradesh to create employment opportunities."