

Uttar Pradesh State Profile

Uttar Pradesh is the most populous state in the country accounting for 16.4 per cent of the country's population. It is also the fourth largest state in geographical area covering 9.0 per cent of the country's geographical area, encompassing 2,94,411 square kilometres and comprising of 83 districts, 901 development blocks and 112,804 inhabited villages. The density of population in the state is 473 person per square kilometres as against 274 for the country.

The total population of the state was 8.8 crores in 1971. It increased to 11.1 crores in 1981 and then reported to be 13.9 crores in 1991. The increase, in population in these two decades was almost identical at 25 per cent. As against this, the national population shows a declining trend from 25 per cent in 1971-81 to 23.8 per cent in 1981-91. Since 1971-81 the decadal variation of U.P. population in percentage forms has remained higher than that of the national.

Uttar Pradesh has always been in the forefront in the area of industrial development. During the Vth, VIth VIIth Five Year Plan, the industrial growth rate was 9.4, 11.8 & 10.9% respectively. In the post liberalization period the industrial growth rate somewhat dropped. However, the state was able to meet the challenges. The Industrial growth rate during the Xth Five Year Plan in the State revived and has been to the tune of 6.6%. It is significant that during the period the world at large was hit by recession.

PPP model has also been adopted by the State in various sectors like Road Sector, Power Sector, Urban Rejuvenation. Uttar Pradesh proposes to bring investment through PPP mode worth Rs.2,64,204 crores in the 12th Five Year Plan. As per a FICCI report on status of PPP projects in the country, Uttar Pradesh is amongst the top five States of the country, in the implementation of PPP Projects.

Further, in order to promote investments and to boost industrialization in the State, Uttar Pradesh has developed many SEZs, Industrial Clusters, Information technology Parks, Agro Parks etc..

State Government has taken some good initiatives with new policies on industrial & infrastructure development, Information Technology, Food Processing etc. In fact, New Infrastructure & Industrial Investment Policy of Uttar Pradesh sets an ambitious target of 11.2% industrial growth per annum during the Twelfth Five Year Plan. The State is also poised to take advantages of the Eastern and Western Freight Corridors Projects for rapid industrialization. Similarly there are plans to connect all district headquarters by 4 lane roads. Implementation, however, remains the key challenge.