

Uttar Pradesh Among Top Three States for MSMEs

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According to a report by realty consulting firm CBRE South Asia and real estate developers association CREDAI, Uttar Pradesh has emerged among the top three states as a significant contributor to the Micro, Small & Medium Enterprises (MSME) sector, with a 9% share in total registered MSMEs in the country.

Sector-wise, the report highlighted that the construction sector, contributing approximately
 8% to the GDP, is a strategic opportunity for Indian MSMEs.

Key Points

- According to the official data from the Ministry of Micro, Small and Medium Enterprises,
 2.21 crore MSMEs are registered (excluding registrations via the Udyam Assist Portal) under the ministry.
 - Several cities in Uttar Pradesh have emerged as MSME clusters, with Agra, Kanpur,
 Varanasi, Lucknow, Meerut and Ghaziabad leading in enrolling for the Udyam scheme.
- Out of which 38.09 lakh with a 17.2% share were from Maharashtra followed by 22.32 lakh with a 10% share from Tamil Nadu and 20.95 lakh with a 9.4% share from Uttar Pradesh.
 - Rajasthan with 16 lakh and Gujarat with 15.96 lakh MSMEs were the other top destinations for registered units in the country.
- Collaborative efforts between the government, industry stakeholders, and financial institutions can help create a robust support system, ensuring that the MSMEs receive the necessary resources and guidance to navigate the evolving economic landscape.

Udyam Portal

- It is an online system for registering MSMEs, launched by the Union MSME ministry on 1st July, 2020.
- It is **linked to the databases of the** <u>Central Board of Direct Taxes (CBDT)</u> **and** <u>Goods and </u>Services Tax Network (GSTN).
 - GSTN is a unique and intricate IT enterprise that establishes a channel of communication and interaction between taxpayers, the central and various state governments, and other stakeholders.
- It is fully online, does not require any documentation, and is a step towards <u>Ease of Doing</u>
 <u>Business</u> for MSMEs.