



Uttar Pradesh Footwear, Leather, and Non-Leather Area Development Policy 2025

Why in News?

In a move to enhance UP's status in the global footwear, leather sector, the Uttar Pradesh (UP) government has approved the **Uttar Pradesh Footwear, Leather, and Non-Leather Area Development Policy 2025**.

Key Features of Policy

- **Export Boost:** The policy seeks to boost Uttar Pradesh's share in [leather and non-leather exports](#) by **attracting international investments**, with dedicated investment drives conducted in countries like **China and Japan**.
- **Modernization:** Emphasis on **upgrading technology**, modernizing production facilities, and launching **training programs** to improve product quality and generate employment.
 - Establishment of **Centres of Excellence (CoEs)** in the leather and footwear sector.
 - Grants to support [IPR \(Intellectual Property Rights\)](#) development, covering up to **Rs. 1 crore** per unit.
- **Skill Development:** Training centers will focus on **upskilling youth**, with specialized courses designed in partnership with educational institutions.
 - Targeted to create approximately **22 lakh jobs** in the sector over the **next five years**, with a significant focus on **employing women and people with disabilities**.
- **Dedicated Leather Parks:** The government will create **large plots of land** and establish **dedicated leather parks** with plug-and-play facilities, waste treatment plants, and state-of-the-art infrastructure.
 - **Kanpur, Agra, and Unnao** will see the establishment of **mega-leather parks** to cater to growing demand.
 - Special incentives for setting up operations in underserved areas like **Bundelkhand and Purvanchal**.
- **Financial Incentive:** The policy includes provisions to support both new and existing businesses by **providing incentives and subsidies** for setting up new leather parks and clusters.
 - **25% Capital Subsidy** for setting up leather parks or clusters on 50+ acres.
 - **100% Exemption on Stamp Duty** for land purchase related to the project.
 - Reimbursement of **50% transportation costs** for exporting products to markets outside Nepal, Bangladesh, and Bhutan for the **first three years**.
- **Sustainability Focus:** **50% Reimbursement** for adopting [carbon credit certification](#), renewable energy certifications, and energy audits.
 - **75% Subsidy** for obtaining international sustainability certifications.
 - Support for adopting **biodegradable tanning agents** and [waterless dyeing technologies](#).

Industry Insights

- **Market Positioning:** UP is one of India's leading hubs for leather and footwear, contributing nearly **46% of India's total leather exports**.
- **Key Locations:** **Agra** is renowned as the '**Footwear Capital of India**,' while Kanpur is a major

player in leather accessories and saddlery.

- **Estimated Market Size:** The market size of **UP's leather industry** is valued at approximately **\$3.5 billion**, with the footwear segment being a significant contributor.

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