

INDUSTRIES OF UTTAR PRADESH

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The state of Uttar Pradesh has witnessed rapid growth of industrialization after economic liberalization of 1991. Many industries have been developed in the state such as cement plants in Mirzapur, a bauxite-based aluminum plant in Banda and Sonbhadra regions, sugarcane industry and handloom industry in many regions of the state. Uttar Pradesh is the largest industrial state in India. Kanpur region, the fertile Purvanchal lands, Noida region, Gautam Buddha Nagar, Ghaziabad, Jaunpur, Lucknow, Aligarh and Agra, etc. are the major industrial cities of Uttar Pradesh. Southern region of Uttar Pradesh is known as the 'Energy Capital' of India.

Major Industries of Uttar Pradesh

The industries of Uttar Pradesh are based on agriculture, forest and minerals. Handloom industry is one of the largest industry of the state.

Agriculture and Forest Based industries

Sugar industry, textile, wooden and furniture industry are the major agriculture and forest industries of the state. These are discussed below:

Sugar industry

Uttar Pradesh has the first place in the country in sugar production. The major sugar industries in the state are **Balram Chini Mills Limited, Bajaj Hindustan Limited, Dhampur Sugar Mills (Bijnor), Owarikesh Sugar Limited**, etc. Western part of the state has greater number of mills and Muzaffarnagar district has the highest number of sugar mills in the state. Gorakhpur, Ghaziabad, Meerut, Kanpur, Lucknow, Shahjahanpur, Varanasi, Basti, Allahabad, Faizabad and Bareilly are the main sugar producing districts. Besides the coarse sugar, the loaf sugar (Tagar) is also prepared in the state. The state ranks first in Gurh (Jaggery) production. At present in Uttar Pradesh there are 44 sugar producing districts.

Textile industry

The state ranks third in cotton textile industry. There are about 73 cotton mills in the state. Kanpur, Agra, Meerut, Bareilly, Ghaziabad, Hardoi, Hathras, Aligarh, Saharanpur, Badaun, Allahabad, Varanasi, Rampur, Moradabad, Mirzapur, Modinagar and Bhadoi are the important centres of textile industry. Kanpur is also called the Manchester of the East because the district has large number of textile mills.

Woollen Textile

Kanpur and Mirzapur are the important places of the woollen textile industry. Lal Imlī mills in Kanpur was famous for woollen industry. Blankets are manufactured in Muzaffarnagar, Nazibabad and Meerut.

Carpet or Dari Work industry

Carpet or dari work is one of the famous textile works in the state. Bareilly, Agra, Aligarh, Etawah, Sitapur, Mirzapur, Varanasi, Mathura, etc. are the main carpet manufacturing centres in the state.

Handloom Industry

Meerut, Deoband, Dhampur, Sikandrabad, Tanda, Maghar, Barabanki, Etawah, Amroha, Mau, etc. are the main centres of the handwoven cloth. Printing on Malmal is done at Mathura while Agra, Bareilly, Mirzapur, Aligarh are the centres of carpets. Blankets are manufactured at Muzaffarnagar and Nazibabad. In Varanasi, Kanpur and Gorakhpur, handloom design development and training centres are located.

Wooden and Furniture Industry

This industry has been developed in different forms in the state such as wooden wares, wooden toys, wooden furniture, etc. Hathras, Varanasi, Saharanpur and Bareilly are the famous centres for wooden industry. Wood carving is done in Saharanpur and Nagina. Wooden toys are made in Lucknow and Varanasi. Wooden sticks are made in Bareilly. Meerut and Agra are important centres for cricket bats and other playing goods, while wooden brushes are manufactured at Kanpur, Allahabad, Meerut and Agra.

Paper industry

Saharanpur, Kanpur, Lucknow, Meerut, Allahabad, Muzaffarnagar, Ghaziabad and Moradabad are the main

centres of this industry. Most of the mills of paper industries are located in Muzaffarnagar.

Mineral Based Industry

These industries include aluminium industry, glass industry, cement industry and chemical industry, etc. These are discussed below:

Aluminium Industry

Mirzapur district of Uttar Pradesh is famous for aluminium manufacturing.

Glass industry

Uttar Pradesh is leading producer of glass. The glass industry is one of the important industries in Uttar Pradesh.

Firozabad, Naini, Saharanpur, Makhanpir, Hathras, Sasni, etc. are the major glass manufacturing centres in the state.

Brass and Other Metal industry

Art metal Brassware is a major craft of Moradabad where large quantities of this metal is produced. The colour and engraving pattern of this metal brassware are very interesting. Varanasi, Mirzapur, Farrukhabad, Shamli, Hapur, etc. are the main centres for the brass and nickel utensils. Hathras, Meerut, Mathura and Aligarh are famous cities for manufacturing of knife and scissors. Brass statues and copper utensils are made at Mathura.

Cement industry

It is one of the important industry of Uttar Pradesh. The factories of cement are located in Sonbhadra, Chunar and

Kajrahat (Mirzapur), Dadri (Gautambudh Nagar), Raebareli, Jhansi and Jagdishpur (Amethi).

Chemical industry

Under this industry hydrochloric acid, soda, ammonia, bleaching powder, medicines and colours are produced. Sulphuric acid and Biosulphides centre are located in Kanpur. Soda ash and Ammonia centre are located in Varanasi. Synthetic rubber industry is located in Bareilly and Silica sand industry is located in Allahabad.

Fertilizer industry

Mainly two types of fertilizers Urea and Phosphorus are manufactured in the state. Urea manufacturing industries are located in Gorakhpur, Kanpur, Bareilly and Prayagraj. Phosphate manufacturing industries are located in Magarwada, Kanpur and Allahabad.

Leather industry

Kanpur is the main centre of leather industry. Besides this, Agra, Lucknow, Bareilly and Meerut are the other centres where shoes, suitcase, belts, etc. are manufactured. Uttar Pradesh is the 2nd largest producer of leather products after Tamil Nadu. More than two lakh people are involved in leather industry. Kanpur and Agra are known as towns of export excellence of leather products.

IT industry

Noida and Lucknow are the major hubs of Information Technology (IT) industry and house the headquarters of the major corporate media and financial institutions.