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British High Commissioner Mr. Alex Ellis made a courtesy call on Chief Minister Yogi Adityanath ji at the official residence on Friday. During the meeting, discussions were held to further strengthen the relations between Britain and India, especially Uttar Pradesh.

The Chief Minister said that India and Britain have a strong bond and added that investment and business activities can be increased between Uttar Pradesh and the UK in the areas of health, defense production, education, environment, and MSMEs especially local handicrafts.

Inviting UK investors to invest in Uttar Pradesh, he said that there are immense possibilities of conducting industrial and commercial activities here. Attractive sectoral policies have been set by the State

Government for investment promotion, he informed the visiting envoy. A positive environment has been established in the state to attract investments from abroad, the Chief Minister added while pointing out how Uttar Pradesh is second in the country in the 'Ease of Doing Business' ranking.

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The visiting diplomat also appreciated the efforts of the State Government in the direction of promoting girl child education and self-reliance and empowerment of women. He praised the 'One District, One Product' scheme. Referring to his visit to Varanasi about 25 years ago, he recalled how his stay in this ancient city was a unique experience for him. Presently Varanasi is emerging in a modern and developed form, he said.

The High Commissioner said that Britain and Uttar Pradesh can take forward their partnership in the field of higher education. Under this, academic exchange between state universities and UK universities can be increased. We can also work in the areas of designing, packaging, and technical support under the 'One District, One Product Scheme', he said.

He added that textile products and leather products of the state are exported in large numbers to Britain.

On this occasion, Minister of Micro, Small and Medium Enterprises Shri Siddharthnath Singh, Chief Secretary Shri RK Tiwari and other senior officers were present.

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