

# Vedanta chairman bats for Rajasthan's industrial ascent

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Vedanta Chairman Anil Agarwal has urged greater industrial development in Rajasthan, describing the mineral-rich state as India's next potential economic powerhouse. In a social media post, he pointed to Rajasthan's abundant natural resources and emphasised the need to transform these into value-added products through widespread manufacturing.

Citing GDP comparisons, Agarwal noted that Rajasthan—despite its extensive mineral reserves—continues to lag behind industrial states such as Gujarat, Karnataka, and Tamil Nadu, each with gross domestic products exceeding \$300 billion. Rajasthan's GDP currently stands at around \$196 billion.

In his post, Agarwal said: “The land of Rajasthan holds immense wealth below the ground — oil & gas, stone, copper, silver, gold, zinc, potash, rock phosphate — elements that can power a new wave of prosperity for the state.”

He added that fully harnessing this “natural treasure” could sharply raise Rajasthan's GDP and state revenues, create “countless new jobs”, and generate widespread prosperity. He called for the establishment of thousands of manufacturing units to catalyse this transformation and unlock long-term economic growth.

### **Renewable potential**

Agarwal also praised Rajasthan's entrepreneurial legacy, saying, “Some of India's greatest entrepreneurs hail from Rajasthan. Their business acumen has made a mark across the globe.”

He described the state as having the highest potential for renewable energy, along with significant reserves of oil and gas. “This powerful combination of resources and energy can propel Rajasthan to India's number one state,” he added.

Vedanta Group—through Hindustan Zinc Limited and Cairn Oil & Gas—has played a major role in the development of Rajasthan's resource economy. Its operations have made the state a global hub for zinc, silver, and hydrocarbon production.

Reaffirming his personal and professional bond with the state, Agarwal added, “Vedanta is fully committed to support Rajasthan and its leadership to achieve new heights for this amazing state.”



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