

Centre's nod to 37 oxygen plants in Uttar Pradesh

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LUCKNOW: The [Centre](#) has given approval for setting up [oxygen plants](#) in 37 [districts](#) in the state. On Wednesday, chief minister [Yogi Adityanath](#) directed officials concerned to start preparations on ground for setting up of these plants at the earliest.

Yogi said that 743 tons of [oxygen](#) had been made available to hospitals on Tuesday. Efforts are on to take this up to 800 tons per day soon, he said.

"We are working to improve availability of oxygen. Seven institutes like [IIT-Kanpur](#), BHU, IIM-Lucknow, AKTU, MMTU Gorakhpur and Moti Lal Nehru Regional Engineering College Prayagraj, have been asked to carry out an oxygen audit in districts," he said. "They will look at the demand and supply in each district, number of beds available in all the hospitals, oxygen supplied etc. This will help us gauge the exact demand in the state and where we need to focus the resources," the CM said.

He added that the Indian Railways and Air Force were helping the state as empty tanks were being airlifted by the Air Force to filling centres from where special [Oxygen Express](#) trains were bringing them back.

A government spokesperson said that 4,370 oxygen concentrators have been made available to all districts. Each community health centre is being equipped with 20 concentrators. Trains were being sent to Bareilly and [Moradabad](#) each day while Agra's demand was being supplemented by the Air Force.

Yogi added that there were some districts which do not have an anaesthetic. He said that anaesthetics and technicians should be made available there within 24 hours and asked the chief secretary to carry out a daily review of the oxygen plants that are being set up.