

Yogi: My regime has zero tolerance towards crime

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Lucknow: Hitting back at Opposition parties over their allegation of deteriorating law and order in Uttar Pradesh, chief minister Yogi Adityanath on Friday said his government has a zero tolerance towards crime, which had gone a long way in changing the perception of UP and making it a hub of investments.

"A criminal is a criminal. He has no caste or religion. The government will act against a criminal in the best way it can to do whatever is necessary for the welfare of the 24 crore people of this state," he said.

Listing out his achievements, the CM said: "The Lok Kalyan Sankalp Patra we issued ahead of the 2017 elections was as sacred as the Geeta for us and we tried to implement every single promise we made in it. Under the PM Awas Yojana, we have given houses to 40 lakh poor people in rural and urban areas and are ranked first among all states. Till 2017, the previous government had managed to construct 45 lakh toilets under Swachh Bharat and UP was ranked 27th. In a year and a half, we declared UP open defecation free by constructing 2.61 crore toilets."

Infrastructure development was totally missing, he said, adding that as soon as one drove into UP before 2017, they only encountered potholes. People preferred walking, he said, and one could not determine whether the stretch was a road or a field. In monsoon, he said, one could plant paddy in the potholes because they were so deep. Hitting out at Samajwadi Party, the CM said: "Azamgarh propelled SP to power on so many occasions but during their rule, people from Azamgarh were viewed with suspicion. When they went to Mumbai, hotels would refuse them rooms when they learnt that they were from Azamgarh. Now Azamgarh is known not for terrorism but for de-

YOGI COUNTS HIS ACHIEVEMENTS

SOME OF THE SUCCESS OF HIS GOVERNMENT THE CM SHARED DURING THE PRESS CONFERENCE...

➤ State's economy 2nd largest in the country, with GSDP size increasing from ₹10.9 lakh cr to ₹21.7 lakh cr. Ranked 5th-6th in India in 2015-16

➤ Per capita income doubled in 4 yrs, up from ₹45,000 in 2015-16 to ₹95,000

➤ Over 50 lakh MSMEs set up. Loans of ₹2.13 lakh cr given. Employment for 1.8 cr

➤ 12.91 lakh units got loans of ₹42,700 cr

➤ Exports at ₹1 lakh cr in 2020-21, up by ₹25,000cr since last yr

➤ ODOP and Vishwakarma Shram Samman Yojana

➤ Loans of ₹8,875 cr given under ODOP. 25 lakh employed

➤ Leading state in implemen-

tation of e-prosecution system. 12,032 cases registered and 37,511 arrested under Gangster Act. Properties worth around ₹1,000 cr impounded

➤ India's first waterway with length of 1,500 km operational from Varanasi to Haldia

➤ Compared to 2016-17, in 2019-20 robbery cases dropped by 65%, loot by 66%, murder by 19%, arson by 40% and rape by 45%

➤ UP top producer of crops like wheat, sugarcane, sugar, potato, peas, milk, mango, gooseberry, oilseeds

➤ 11 irrigation projects completed in 3 yrs

➤ 45 agricultural products exempted from Mandi duty, which was also reduced by 1%

➤ ₹28,443 cr transferred to accounts of 2.3 cr farmers

➤ 38,112 houses provided to Musahar community, 4,779 to Vantangias and 2,115 to families affected by leprosy

➤ Investment proposals of ₹56,000cr received during corona period

➤ IKEA to invest ₹5,500cr in Noida. ₹6,000cr being invested in Data Centre Park

➤ More than 4.80 cr children enrolled in council schools

Investment proposals worth about ₹3 lakh cr in private sector



WHAT THE CM SAID

'6 AIRPORTS OPERATIONAL, 17 UNDER CONSTRUCTION'

The CM said that when his government came to power in 2017, there were only two airports in the state. After four years, he said, six had already been made while work was taking place on 17. "In the next 30 years, the state government will be earning Rs 1 lakh crore from just Jewar Airport. An international airport is being constructed in Ayodhya while the Lucknow and Varanasi airports are being expanded."

'PURVANCHAL, BUNDELKHAND E-WAYS TO BE OPEN THIS YR'

"We are working to start both Purvanchal Expressway and Bundelkhand Expressway by the end of this year. These will become the backbone of UP's development. Once Ganga Expressway is also operational, UP's economy will be the largest in the world and

development. It is going to get a new airport and a state university."

Invoking the Ramayana, the CM said that thousands



nobody will be able to call us Bimaru again," he said.

'ALL 75 DISTRICTS TO HAVE MEDICAL COLLEGES BY END OF 2021'

The CM promised that by the end of this year, there would be a medical college in all 75 districts of UP. Between 1947 and 2017, UP had only 12 medical colleges, he said, adding that since his government came to power, they have made or are in the process of completing 30 new medical colleges. "In the remaining 16, there will be a medical college by year-end."

'UP'S COVID MANAGEMENT EARNED PRAISE OUTSIDE'

The state government demonstrated extraordinary

of years earlier when Lord Ram returned to Ayodhya after having defeated Ravana, he came to Chitrakoot on a Pushpak Viman. "It is

will power, maturity, skill, sensitivity and collective spirit during these critical times to contain the deadly coronavirus, which has elicited praise from PM and WHO, the CM said. He said that starting with 60 daily tests in March 2020, UP became the first state in the country to conduct 1.75 lakh corona tests per day

DEFENCE DIRECTORY

The CM also launched an Indian Defence Industries Sector directory. UPEIDA CEO Awanish Awasthi said the directory contains details of 1,000 Indian defence manufacturing companies. MSMEs are also listed. A new investor can register on UPEIDA portal for it

shameful that even after thousands of years, this area did not have air connectivity. Now we are building an airport here."