CM Yogi Adityanath govt wiped out BIMARU tag on Uttar Pradesh: Union education minister Dharmendra Pradhan

Union education minister Dharmendra Pradhan attends a community feast with students of Kendriya Vidyalaya in Siddharthnagar

LUCKNOW: BJP's UP election in charge and Union education minister, Dharmendra Pradhan, on Thursday exhorted people to vote for the Yogi-led BJP government in the ensuing assembly elections early next year.

He was addressing a public meeting in Siddharthnagar district after inaugurating a Kendriya Vidyalaya building. "Main yaha nivedan karne aaya hoon...aap aise hi aashirwaad banake rakhiye...aap sewa karne ka mauka diye hai. (I have come here with a request. You showered blessings on us and believed in us. Please keep reposing faith in us). India will progress only if Uttar Pradesh sees development," he said.

Hailing the double-engine government for unprecedented development of an aspirational district (Siddharthnagar), Pradhan said, "The new school building and the upcoming medical college here has been possible because of a double-engine government. The state's all-round development has wiped out the BIMARU tag. In every field, UP is setting an example and this because of Yogiji."

Pradhan, who inaugurated a new Kendriya Vidyalaya building and participated in 'sah-bhoj' (community feast) with KV students and those of Composite School, Madhubenia, said, "Before Yogi Adityanath assumed power, there were 400 students in this school. Now, it has a strength of 800. This is called governance. Now, UP will outsmart US and Europe in intellectual ability, not just in population."

Attacking previous governments, Pradhan said, "This heroic land, known for imparting knowledge to the world, witnessed anarchical rule before BJP came to power. But the people sought democracy, justice, brotherhood and social sensitivity and made Modiji prime minister, not once but twice. They again gave us an overwhelming majority in UP."

He continued, "This land is the birth of Buddha, who preached the message of peace to the world. From freedom struggle to culture, science to any tradition, UP has set an example."

In times of humanitarian crisis like Covid pandemic, India set an example before the world, Pradhan said. "At a time when economies of developed countries were sinking, India vaccinated over 80 crore people with either one or both doses, out of which about 8 crore doses were administered in UP under Yogi's leadership."

Referring to India and UP as synonymous, Pradhan said, "Without UP's support, it was impossible for India to take the lead."