

PM Narendra Modi to launch urban projects, announce Chair in Atal Bihari Vajpayee's name in Lucknow



CM Yogi Adityanath inspects the venue in Lucknow on Monday

LUCKNOW: Prime Minister [Narendra Modi](#) will announce setting up of a Chair, for research and other academic purposes, in the name of former PM and BJP stalwart Atal Bihari Vajpayee at Babasaheb Bhimrao Ambedkar University (BBAU) on Tuesday when he inaugurates a conference-cum-expo, 'Azadi@75 - New [Urban](#) India: Transforming Urban Landscape', at Indira Gandhi Pratishthan.

Earlier too, a research chair in the name of Vajpayee was set up at the Lucknow University in 2019.

During Tuesday's programme, the PM will digitally hand over keys of the houses, built under the Pradhan Mantri Awas Yojana-Urban (PMAY-U), to 75,000 beneficiaries across 75 districts and will also virtually interact with the beneficiaries of the scheme in Uttar Pradesh.

The PM will also inaugurate/lay the foundation stone for 75 urban development projects in the state under Smart Cities Mission and AMRUT, besides flagging off 75 buses under FAME-II for seven cities - Lucknow, Kanpur, Varanasi, Prayagraj, Gorakhpur, Jhansi and Ghaziabad. He will also release a coffee table book encompassing 75 projects implemented under various flagship missions of the Union ministry of housing and urban affairs (MoHUA).

Defence minister Rajnath Singh, Union housing & urban affairs minister Hardeep Singh Puri, UP Governor Anandiben Patel and CM Yogi Adityanath will be present on the occasion.

The conference-cum-expo is being organised by MoHUA from October 5-7 as part of 'Azadi Ka Amrit Mahotsav'. Its theme is transforming urban landscapes with specific focus on transformative changes brought about in the state. All states/UTs will participate in the conference-cum-expo which will help in experience sharing, commitment and direction for further action.

Three exhibitions will be organised during the event. An exhibition titled 'New Urban India', will highlight the achievements under flagship urban missions in the last seven years and further showcase projections for future.

The second exhibition on 75 innovative construction technologies, 'Indian Housing Technology Mela' (IHTM), under Global Housing Technology Challenge-India (GHTC-India), will showcase domestically developed indigenous and innovative construction technologies, materials and processes. Another exhibition will highlight the performance of UP since 2017.

The themes of the exhibition will focus on clean urban India, water secure cities, housing for all, new construction technologies, smart city development, sustainable mobility and cities promoting livelihood opportunities.