

CM lays foundation, inaugurates 334 development projects worth Rs 955cr in Gorakhpur

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Gorakhpur: Smile, you are in Gorakhpur because of development in the area, said Chief Minister Yogi Adityanath as he laid foundation and inaugurated 334 development schemes worth Rs 955 crore in Gorakhpur on Sunday. Soon water sports will also be inaugurated here, said the CM.

Earlier, he during program of ABVP he said that in 1980 when Ramjanambhoomi movement started people used to wonder whether the dream of Ram temple will ever come true, "But today a grand Ram temple is being constructed."

"Article 370 was introduced silently and Baba Saheb opposed it but his voice was suppressed, however, Shyama Prasad Mukharji protested against the article and raised his voice for one nation one symbol."

Praising PM Narendra Modi, the CM said, "When in 1916 Mahatma Gandhi came to Kashi and reached Kashi Vishwanath temple for darshan, he gave sharp comment on dirt and narrow lanes around the temple but now PM Modi has flipped the entire situation and Mahatma Gandhi will be very happy after seeing the beauty of Kashi."

Targeting the opposition, he said, "Those who got the power in the name of ending poverty are silent after seeing how PM Modi performed puja of Lord Shiv and also respected labourers in Kashi. They only divide the society in the name of caste, language and area."

CM Yogi praised ABVP for its effort for bringing people of North East into the mainstream and said that the work which was supposed to be done by the then governments was being done by an organization like ABVP, "Today BJP has government in Assam, Tripura, Meghalaya, Arunachal Pradesh. Now, I can say that ABVP was doing a good job."

Describing his meeting with 22 B.Tech students, the CM said that among 22, 16 students wanted to start startups but were not aware of government schemes about it. He appealed to ABVP to create awareness about welfare schemes of the government so that people could be benefited.

The chief minister said that with the ODOP scheme UP has become an export hub. Terracotta artists earned Rs 8 lakh in Lucknow and instead of China's Lakshmi Ganesh idols, local made idols reached houses for Diwali puja, he said, adding, "We banned plastic and earthen soil glasses were sold instead of plastic glasses."

CM praised PM Modi for his Covid management and said that India's population is higher than US and its health infrastructure is weak in comparison to US but during corona wave more people died there. "PM inaugurated AIIMS and fertilizer plant in Gorakhpur and encephalitis is under control now," he added.

During the foundation laying/inauguration program CM also distributed equipment among 1,261 differently abled children.