

Work on Greenfield township on Vedic theme in Ayodhya soon

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Lucknow: To promote tourism in the temple town of Ayodhya, the urban development department is set to commence work on a Greenfield township based on Vedic theme within a few weeks.

A presentation on immediate, short-term and long-term action plans was made before Chief Minister Yogi Adityanath and a group of ministers on Tuesday.

As the construction of Ram Temple is in full swing, the state government is expecting a massive surge in tourist footfall and is gearing up to meet the demand.

During the meeting, the CM went through the department's plan pertaining to the development of Ayodhya.

A 1200-acre wide Greenfield township based on Vedic theme has been proposed to meet the demand of people looking forward to staying in a self-sustainable township. The government has already got the detailed project report prepared. Urban development minister AK Sharma asked officials to ensure that the township in Ayodhya was based on renewable energy to transform the city into a 'climate smart city'.

Kukrail Reserve Forest in Lucknow will also get a facelift to attract tourists.

While going through the presentation, the CM gave his feedback to officials and asked them to ensure housing for all, including the homeless, nomads, extremely poor families and marginalised segments, as it was one of the key points in the BJP's manifesto.

Ponds that have been encroached over the years have to be restored and housing and development bodies and authorities in UP will have to prepare a master plan for implementation of rainwater harvesting mechanism.

The department expressed commitment to start a metro line in Agra within two years.

While work on setting up a metro corridor in Gorakhpur will commence within six months, a DPR and feasibility report will be prepared to find out the viability of running Metro services in Varanasi, Meerut, Bareilly, Jhansi and Prayagraj.

Strength of electric buses will be doubled across 14 cities within 100 days. A mobile application will be developed to inform commuters about the bus timings and fare.

The CM also asked officials to strengthen urban services in a time bound manner.