

# 805 MSME projects to take off during investors' meet

## Maximum 40 In GB Nagar, 15 In Mathura, 8 In Lucknow

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**Lucknow:** At least 805 micro, small and medium enterprises (MSME) projects will take off during the third ground-breaking ceremony being organised by the state government on Friday.

"The ground-breaking ceremony will see 805 MSME sector projects coming to ground on Friday. While Gautam Budh Nagar will be home to a maximum 40 such projects, Mathura follows next with 15," said cabinet minister for industries and infrastructure development Nand Gopal Gupta Nandi.

He added that eight such projects will come up in Lucknow, seven in Barabanki and six each in Ghaziabad and Gorakhpur. The minister also said that the agriculture sector has the next big chunk of projects in absolute numbers. "As many as 275 of agriculture and allied industries and 65 of pharmaceuticals and medical supplies projects will also take off on the occasion," he said.

Meanwhile, Chief Minister Yogi Adityanath has expressed happiness over the fact that a wide variety of projects were starting in the third ground-breaking ceremony this time.

Industry department officials pointed out that the other projects hitting the ground included six projects related to education worth Rs 1,183 crore, seven projects worth 489 crores of dairy, six of animal husbandry worth Rs 224 crore.

In all Rs 80,000 crore are being started during the third GBC.



CM Yogi Adityanath reviews preparations for groundbreaking ceremony in Lucknow on Wednesday

In terms of investment cost of the new projects, seven data centers are worth Rs 19,928 crore while 26 IT and electronics projects are worth Rs 7,876 crore.

In the agriculture and allied industries sector, 13 projects worth Rs 11,297 crore will take off while infrastructure projects worth 6,632 crore will also begin on the occasion.

In the manufacturing sector, 27 projects worth Rs 6,227 crore and 46 projects of the Handloom and Textile sector

worth Rs 5,642 crore will begin. As many as 23 projects in the renewable energy sector worth Rs 4,782 crore and 19 projects in the housing and commercial sector worth Rs 4,344 crore will begin.

In the health care category, eight projects worth Rs 2,205 crore and in the defence, 23 projects worth Rs 1,774 crore will also see light of the day. A total of 26 projects in the warehousing and logistics category worth Rs 1,295 crore will also begin besides other projects.

## Yogi reviews arrangements

**Lucknow:** With two days left for the third ground-breaking ceremony, Chief Minister Yogi Adityanath carried out a review of arrangements for the first mega event of his second tenure.

With Prime Minister Narendra Modi as the chief guest, the programme will see grounding of projects worth around Rs 80,000 crore and will be attended by several ministers and industrialists.

"The CM took stock of the arrangements made for the VVIPs, their stay, transport, security, etc. He said that protocol must be followed strictly and efforts should be made to project UP as the best investment destination through

various means at the airport and railway station. He also said that special efforts must be made to keep the city clean," an official said.

The CM reviewed the traffic arrangements and directed officials to ensure that there was sufficient arrangement for parking so that regular traffic is not impacted.

On Wednesday morning, ahead of the CM's meeting, chief secretary DS Mishra also held a review of arrangements. Travelling from a helipad at La Martiniere grounds to the event venue at Indira Gandhi Pratishthan, he directed officials to immediately rectify shortcomings that were observed during the inspection. TNN

## JK Cement's 2nd unit in UP to start in Aug

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**Lucknow:** Keeping its commitment to Uttar Pradesh government, the JK Cement Limited will be starting its second cement grinding unit in Hamirpur in August 2022. Raghavpat Singhania Ji, the managing director of JK Cement Limited will be taking part in the third ground-breaking ceremony in the city on Friday.

During the previous ground-breaking ceremony, the company had pledged to start a Cement grinding unit in Aligarh which got functional soon after with an investment of Rs 265 crore.

The second unit, coming up with an investment of Rs 381.22 crore will be commissioned by August end. The company will be investing Rs 571 crore over five-six years in paint production in Mathura.