

UP on fast lane to be 'Sarvottam' Pradesh: Nandi

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Outlining his government's aim to turn Uttar Pradesh first into Uttam Pradesh and then to Sarvottam Pradesh through infrastructure development, industrial development minister Nand Gopal 'Nandi' said that with the recent inauguration of the Bundelkhand Expressway, Uttar Pradesh now has 37.7% of the total expressways in the country.

"We are working towards making UP a USD 1 trillion economy and are fully aware that infrastructure plays an important role in it. We are getting so many investments in the state because of our expressways, of 1,153 km of river network which includes the Ganga and Yamuna, a population of 25 crore which makes us the biggest market, and availability of raw material. Recently we launched projects worth Rs 80,224 crore in the groundbreaking ceremony. This shows that we have won the trust of investors and the industry," the minister said while addressing Times of India's 'Expressway to Trillion Dollar Economy Conclave' on Friday.

He added that in his meetings with industry representatives, he is getting proposal after proposal for investment in the state which would not be possible if the government was operating from some rural area instead of a developed state.

The minister said that the Yogi Adityanath government had worked tirelessly over the past five years to give Uttar Pradesh a new face and the state is now known as 'Expressway Pradesh'.

Referring to the Bundelkhand Expressway, he said that this one project would change the future and face of Bundelkhand. Very soon, he added, there would be 13 functional expressways

in the state with work currently going on in seven projects.

"We have heard of Bundelkhand as a parched, rocky area which had been ignored by the previous governments. Under Chief Minister Yogi Adityanath, this picture of Bundelkhand has changed drastically and the area is on its way to achieving new heights.



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See what UP was before 2017 and how it has changed under the Chief Minister. We are on our way to becoming the best state in the country," he said.

The minister praised Prime Minister Narendra Modi and the Chief Minister Yogi Adityanath for working towards the progress of the country and the state in an effort to take the fruits of government schemes to every last person.

"An example of their vision and intent was the Bundelkhand Expressway which was completed eight months ahead of time and Rs 11,032 crore less than the estimate," the minister added.