

# SCR draft plan to be ready in a week

## It Will Reduce Pressure And Lead To Creation Of Hi-Tech Townships Around Lucknow

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**Lucknow:** A day after Chief Minister Yogi Adityanath directed officials to prepare a plan for developing Lucknow and seven adjoining districts as a UP State Capital Region (SCR), on the lines of Delhi NCR, the government on Saturday said that work had already started on the proposal and a draft plan would be presented before the CM in a week.

The seven districts the proposed region will cover are — Lucknow, Sitapur, Unnao, Rae Bareilly, Kanpur Dehat, Kanpur Nagar and Barabanki.

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Two committees, including a high-powered one headed by the chief secretary, are also being set up to work on this proposal which will work towards integrated development of districts around Lucknow so that pressure on Lucknow's infrastructure and resources is eased. A government spokesperson said the state housing and urban planning department has been appointed to prepare a de-

### ROADMAP FOR UP'S GROWTH HUB

On the lines of national capital region (NCR), Uttar Pradesh will have its own state capital region (SCR), comprising Lucknow and six adjoining districts. Two committees are being set up to work on the proposal

#### Role of committees

- To draft a regional plan for SCR and prepare a functional plan for its implementation
- To identify schemes and projects for each district of SCR, ensure implementation and monitor progress
- To identify schemes, get

approvals, accord priority to schemes and provide necessary assistance

- To arrange finances for SCR schemes
- High-powered committee will work as consultant to the government on expansion of SCR

#### Need for SCR

For coordinated and balanced growth of Lucknow's capacity as UP's capital

- To provide speed to economic progress of SCR
- For preparation of short-term and long-term planned and balanced industrial development of the region
- To create new employment opportunities
- To make sustained and

tailed action plan for the implementation of this project.

"The SCR will be a unique example of inter-district planning and development. Initially, the entire area of Lucknow, Sitapur, Unnao, Rae Bareilly, Barabanki, Kanpur Nagar and Kanpur Dehat districts will be included in

the SCR. However, a final decision will be taken after the preparation of the detailed action plan. In future, the SCR may be expanded to include more districts," he said.

On Friday, Yogi had said that Lucknow had developed with enviable infrastructure

because of which people were being drawn to it from near and far in search of work and to live in. The city had seen massive development and an influx of investment, making it an attractive destination for those seeking better opportunities.

The area around the state

### PROPOSED STRUCTURE OF SCR

| Districts                | Total Population            | Total Area   |
|--------------------------|-----------------------------|--------------|
| 7<br>(including Lucknow) | 2.07 crore<br>(2011 Census) | 22,273 sq km |

Population  
Area (Sq km)

**Lucknow**

45,89,838  
2,528

**Kanpur Dehat**

17,96,184 3,021

**Kanpur Nagar**

45,81,268 3,155

**Sitapur**

44,83,992  
5,743

**Barabanki**

32,60,699  
4,402

**Rae Bareilly**

34,05,559  
4,609

**Unnao**

31,08,367 4,558

To utilise the potential of Lucknow and neighbouring districts in a coordinated way

- To create world class education and health infrastructure

SCR will improve 'ease of living' standards by introducing ecofriendly transport, convention centres, stadia, malls and parks

ded. This, he has said, will ensure balanced, inclusive and sustainable urban development in and around Lucknow," the spokesperson said.

Taking cue from Delhi National Capital Region (NCR), of which some cities from UP like Noida and Ghaziabad are a part, the SCR scheme will work towards finding solutions to challenges like pressure on infrastructure due to increasing population, and unplanned and lopsided development of areas in and around Lucknow.

The CM has asked for a plan on developing hi-tech townships in Sitapur, Unnao, Rae Bareilly, Kanpur Nagar, Kanpur Dehat and Barabanki which will be equipped with Metro services and planned industrial development to ease the pressure on Lucknow.

Two committees are being set up to work on this proposal. A high powered committee headed by the chief secretary will have additional chief secretaries and principal secretaries of all departments concerned as members.

The other will be an executive committee, which will be constituted under the chairmanship of the additional chief secretary or principal secretary of the housing and urban planning department.

Its members will include the divisional commissioners of Lucknow, Kanpur and Ayodhya divisions, district magistrates of the seven districts scheduled to be part of the SCR, vice-chairpersons of the respective development authorities and planning experts.

capital had been expanding at a massive speed but a lot of this was unplanned.

"The CM has said that in order to have sustainable growth, an international standard of healthcare, education and infrastructure, and preservation of culture, a concept like the SCR is nee-