

UP: From connectivity to development, a look at 6 months of Yogi govt 2.0



The Yogi Adityanath-led Uttar Pradesh government completed six months of its second term on Sunday, September 25. The government had much to celebrate in terms of development works carried out during the period. The increasing connectivity across Uttar Pradesh with the opening of new expressways and construction and expansion of new and existing roads have boosted the development of the state on multiple fronts.

The Yogi government has started tapping the immense potential of the state in these six months, the foundation of which was laid during its first term. Under the leadership of Chief Minister [Yogi Adityanath](#), radical changes have been made in the field of infrastructure development of the state.

Expressways accelerate pace of development

The network of expressways spread over 1,225 km in UP has not only made travel easier and faster, but is also leading to development of industrial hubs on both sides of the expressways, giving impetus to the development of the state. Whether it is about connecting economically-backward Purvanchal and Bundelkhand with expressways, or building Agra-Lucknow Expressway, Delhi-Meerut Expressway, Noida-Greater Noida Expressway and Yamuna Expressway, every expressway is opening the path of new possibilities of development for the state.

Not only industrial areas, residential buildings and commercial centres, but also big infrastructure projects such as Film City, Jewar Airport, Medical Device Park, Logistics Park, Fintech City, IT City and Data Centre Park are also coming up on both sides of these expressways.

Work is also underway on 6 new expressways in UP, including Gorakhpur Link Expressway (91 km), Ganga Expressway (594 km), Lucknow-Kanpur Expressway (63 km), Ghaziabad-Kanpur Expressway (380 km), Gorakhpur-Siliguri Expressway (519 km), Delhi-Saharanpur-Dehradun Expressway (210 km) and Ghazipur Ballia Manjhighat Expressway (117 km). While these expressways will facilitate the movement of both people and goods, the industrial clusters being built along with it are set to boost the development journey of the state.

Increasing air connectivity

The Yogi government is also working tirelessly to enhance air connectivity in the state through building of new domestic and international airports. The government is working on the ambitious plan of having 18 airports in the state including five international airports. Kushinagar International Airport, which has already been opened and Jewar International Airport, which is under construction, have attracted global attention.

The government has also selected five airports in Aligarh, Azamgarh, Chitrakoot, Myorpur (Sonbhadra) and Shravasti under the Regional Connectivity scheme in order to develop them in line with the specifications for Airbus A-321. Air connectivity will facilitate passenger and cargo movement, benefitting local farmers and industries.

Health infrastructure gets a boost

The slogan 'Healthy State, Happy State', given by CM Yogi reflects the importance that the CM attaches to the health system of the state. The last six months have seen many innovative steps by the government to improve health

infrastructure and facilities in the state. The government recently inaugurated a health ATM in Gorakhpur and is installing health ATMs at 4600 primary health centres of the state.

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Besides, the government is running medical colleges in 65 districts, and AIIMS in Gorakhpur and Raebareli. Also, 22 medical colleges are currently under construction in the state. In COVID management, Uttar Pradesh has excelled among states, giving more than 38 crore vaccine doses. Apart from this, 6.51 crore people of the state have received Ayushman card to avail health insurance cover of upto Rs 5 lakh.

Film City to open doors of possibilities

Dubbed to be the country's biggest and most beautiful film city, the proposed Film City in Noida is a ray of hope for the talented artists of not only Uttar Pradesh but the whole of North India. It is being built at a cost of Rs 10,000 crore in about 1000 acres, which will not only increase employment opportunities, but also give new energy to the tourism of UP. The use of advanced technologies like animation, OTT and gaming at the proposed Film Institute inside the city will connect the youth of UP with world class job opportunities. A data centre is also to be constructed in the Film City for pre-production and post production of films.