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# Wipe out dividing lines, join hands for prosperity, says Uttar Pradesh CM Yogi Adityanath

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LUCKNOW: Chief minister Yogi Adityanath on Tuesday urged citizens to end divisions along the lines of caste, region, language and religion, which have "irreparably harmed Uttar Pradesh". He said that everyone must work together to take the state on the path of prosperity.

The CM said that BJP was taking the state out of darkness and towards development and it was necessary for everyone to follow Prime Minister Narendra Modi's vision of 'Ek Bharat Shreshtha Bharat' and expose divisive forces.



Speaking at the 74th Foundation Day of the state, now celebrated as UP Diwas, the CM stressed that even though the state had everything, it was PM Modi who gave it a "sense of pride and dignity". He also spoke about UP's role in the creation of modern India and how it had a prominent position in the country's fight for Independence. "Mangal Pandey in Barrackpore announced the start of the freedom movement, which was led by Rani Laxmibai from Jhansi, Bandhu Singh from Gorakhpur, and Dhan Singh Kotwal from Meerut. This state has seen both the Kakori train incident and the Chauri Chaura incident. This land belongs to freedom fighters and their countless sacrifices," the CM said.

Naimisharanya in Sitapur, he added, was also the origin of India's Vedic knowledge.

Recalling that the celebrations of the state's foundation day were started under then Governor Ram Naik in 2017, the CM said that the government had launched its flagship scheme of 'one district-one product' on the occasion which has helped in doubling the state's exports in the past five years. "Before 2017, UP was known as the state of riots and a hub of criminal activities.

Today, it is referred to as the hub of exports. This is the inspiring story of the brand-new UP. Through the Global Investors Summit to be held between February 10- 12, investment worth lakhs for giving UP the opportunity to host 11 programmes of the G20. The events will take place in four cities, including Lucknow.

During the programme, Governor Anandiben Patel and the CM felicitated 16 artists with the Vivekananda Youth Award. Five artisans and craftspersons associated with the Mati Kala Board were honoured with the Mati Kala Khadi Gramodyog Award while nine players were honoured with the Laxman and Rani Laxmibai awards by the sports department. Along with this, three differently-abled players were also honoured on the occasion. of crores of rupees is going to come to UP.

Youth from here will not have to go to other countries and states for jobs," he said. During the celebrations on Tuesday, the government launched the 'Family ID Card', a dashboard for millet promotion scheme and natural farming and the CM apprenticeship promotion scheme.

The benefits of this scheme, he said, would be given to 7.5 lakh graduates in the next one year. Another six beneficiary-oriented schemes under ODOP and the Uttar Pradesh Notary Management website were also launched. The chief minister also thanked the Prime Ministe