## Yogi inaugurates projects worth ₹212 cr in Ayodhya

## Lays Foundation For 38 Projects Worth ₹1763.2 Cr

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Lucknow: Stepping up efforts to develop Ayodhya as a model town ahead of the opening of the Ram Temple for devotees in 2024, Chief Minister Yogi Adityanath on Thursday inaugurated 44 projects worth Rs 212.5 crore and laid the foundation stone for 38 projects worth Rs 1,763.2 crore.

The CM is on a two-day visit to Ayodhya. Currently, projects worth Rs 32,000 crore related to sewerage, water supply, roads, parking, beautification, development of ghats, road infrastructure and new airport are underway in the temple town.

A government spokesman said, "The CM is taking personal interest in the development of the city. He has said that Ayodhya should be developed as a world class city. On the first day of his visit on Wednesday, he inspected ongoing projects at Guptar Ghat and Suraj Kund. Ne-



CM Yogi Adityanath visited Kashi Vishwanath temple late Thursday evening

ver has a CM given so much time to Ayodhya and the government is ensuring that by the time the temple opens up, it will be ready to greet the world as a modern yet traditional and culturally rich, religious city."

The 44 projects which the CM inaugurated on Thursday, five were under urban development department while 13 were under PWD. Other departments carrying out projects include health and family welfare (2), secondary education (5), housing and urban planning (13), tourism (2), Namami Gange, irrigation and water resources, panchayati raj and Ayush (one each). The panchayati raj de-

partment has developed libraries and reading rooms in 500 gram panchayats which were inaugurated by the CM.

Yogi laid the foundation stone for 38 projects of which 32 are under PWD and four under the department of technical education. Medical education and home departments are carrying out one project each. Among these is the widening and expansion of 10.77km of the Panchkosi Parikrama Marg into a four-lane road at a cost of Rs 473.2 crore. Another project launched on Thursday is the widening and expansion of the 23.94 km-long 14 Kosi Parikrama Marg at the cost of Rs 1,140.2 crore.