

Modi's vision, Yogi's mission helped develop UP: Rajnath Singh

Says Gadkari ushered in 'infrastructure revolution' under Modi's leadership



Union ministers Rajnath Singh, Nitin Gadkari and Chief Minister Yogi Adityanath in Lucknow on Monday. (Express Photo by Vishal Srivastav)

Defence Minister Rajnath Singh on Monday claimed that under the leadership of Prime Minister Narendra Modi, Union Road Transport and Highways Minister Nitin Gadkari has successfully brought an “infrastructure revolution” across the country and not only in Uttar Pradesh.

During the inauguration of two national highway projects worth Rs 3,300 crore in Lucknow, Singh said presently the state capital was witnessing new pathways of development. “Prime Minister Narendra Modi’s vision and Chief Minister Yogi Adityanath’s mission have a major

contribution towards the ongoing development of UP. Yogiji is working with dedication to achieve the goal of making a new UP,” said Singh, who is MP from Lucknow.

Claiming that their goal was to make Lucknow one of the best cities, the Defence Minister said, “We have received full support of Nitin Gadkariji and Yogiji in developing world-class infrastructure here. Both of them immediately obliged whatever I asked for (for development),” he said.

“As Lucknow MP, I can say that whatever proposals and information have reached me, I have done my best,” Singh said.

In his address, Gadkari said that by the end of the next year projects worth Rs 5 lakh crore will be completed in UP besides launching new ones. The work on 6,000-km roads worth Rs 1.5 lakh crore was completed from 2014 to 2023 while progress was underway on other road projects worth Rs 1.25 lakh crore, he added.

Good quality roads were being developed in UP and the state’s picture has changed under Modi and Yogi, he said, adding, “I accepted all the bridge projects sought by Rajnathji. The Lucknow ring project was started on his recommendation. Several sections of the project have completed and I will inaugurate it him and Yogiji before October.”

The Union minister said that a six-lane green expressway worth Rs 5,000 crore connecting Kanpur and Lucknow is being developed and 25 per cent of the work on it has completed. The remaining work will be completed before May 2025 and the project will bring down the travel time between Kanpur and Lucknow to 30 minutes.

Addressing the gathering, CM Adityanath said the country’s infrastructure was in a poor shape before 2014 but India is becoming self-reliant in every field now — be it internal security or infrastructure.

“There is a noticeable difference. Four-, six-, and eight-lane roads built during the time of Atalji were doing well, but no new projects were undertaken,” the CM said.

If infrastructure is poor, development will not happen; and people will not have jobs if there is no development, he emphasised.

“In the last nine years, you must have seen that India is becoming self-reliant in the field of security. Today the enemy cannot look at India with evil intentions. The Defence Corridor of Lucknow is realising the vision of Make in India in UP itself. When the BrahMos missile will be made in the node, no enemy will be able to cast an evil eye on the country,” Adityanath said.

Rajnath, Gadkari and Adityanath inaugurated a four-lane elevated corridor at Madiyon and the IIM crossing in the Lucknow-Sitapur highway section and four-lanes from Naviganj to Mitrasenpur in the Aligarh-Kanpur section. Besides, they inaugurated and laid the foundation stones of 164 development projects worth Rs 475 crore for Lucknow.