

SRTC buses UP's lifeline, stations to get airport-like facilities: Yogi

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Ayodhya: Chief Minister Yogi Adityanath on Sunday said that the UP State Road Transport Corporation (UPSRTC) is considered to be the lifeline of transportation in the state and bus stations will soon get airport-like facilities.

"India became independent on August 15, 1947, but the first bus of the corporation started running in May 1947. Since then, the state transport corporation has been plying buses on long distance routes. The corporation is expanding operations and bus stations will soon get facilities similar to those provided at airports," the CM said.

Launching 'Mission Mahila Sarathi' at Saryu guest house, Ramkatha Park in Ayodhya under the Mission Shakti Abhiyan, Yogi flagged off 51 ordinary buses (BS 6).

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CM Yogi Adityanath launching 'Mission Mahila Sarathi' in Ayodhya

re appropriate occasion when the date of 'Maha Ash-tami' is linked with Mission Shakti along with the launch of Mission Mahila Sarathi. The initiative seeks to connect and empower women drivers and conductors," he said.

These 51 buses will be operated exclusively by women as drivers and conductors. A short film was also screened during the event.

The CM said technology could bring significant changes to people's lives.

"During the pandemic,

around 40 lakh people from UP working in different parts of the country became jobless and returned home. UPSRTC took up the challenge. Around 12,000 buses and their drivers and conductors converged at the borders, where they helped people return their homes," he added.

"Now, daughters symbolizing 'Mission Shakti' will drive these vehicles as drivers," he said.

"Safety, respect, and self-reliance of women have always been a challenge. That

is why Indian society has always believed that where women are respected, their dignity is protected. The UP government has consistently promoted this idea in the fourth phase of Mission Shakti," the CM said.

"More than 1.5 lakh daughters and sisters have been employed in various roles in UP police and government. The dream of having women as drivers and conductors has also been realized. Now, daughters have become fighter pilots too," he said.

The CM said there would be a significant increase in electric buses UPSRTC which would not cause pollution and noise, and would have a better speed than regular buses.

"We have allocated Rs 400 crore. In terms of Kumbh 2025, we still need to buy buses. For better connectivity, the UP government has formulated an EV policy," he added.