

UP govt's '3-pillar' approach to improve ULBs' working

Lucknow: The Yogi Adityanath government on Tuesday announced its mission's objectives to provide a vision for developing 762 urban local bodies in a phased manner. Three key pillars have been identified for pushing the urban areas of the state towards the path of rapid development. Chief secretary D S Mishra said on Tuesday that the three pillars to achieve holistic growth were increased economic activity, protection and preservation of environment and social sustainability. "Getting more from less is the overall objective which means optimising resources and paying attention to technology along with infrastructure," said Mishra.

To improve the ease of living of the population of urban centres, the urban local bodies will initially provide basic amenities and infrastructure, while mobility and urban transportation will be strengthened later. While 17 municipal corporations and 10 smart cities are already on the path of the progress, the "three pillars" were identified for other ULBs, found lacking on several fronts.

The chief secretary added that more than 50 rivers had been revived across the state and

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the local bodies had to take preventive steps to improve their condition further. Moreover, bringing down carbon emissions will be another objective of the ULBs, added Mishra. For economic activity, start-ups need to be promoted and youths need to be trained by the ULBs as resources. Automobile, horticulture, power, road and real estate are some sectors which can absorb youths, he said.

For social sustainability, people-oriented campaigns, workshops and activities were to be conducted and calendar to celebrate some key events would be prepared in advance. Many ponds and lakes have been restored and spruced up to attract visitors and local residents looking for recreation.