

IKEA to open its first India mall in Noida, pays ₹850 crore for land

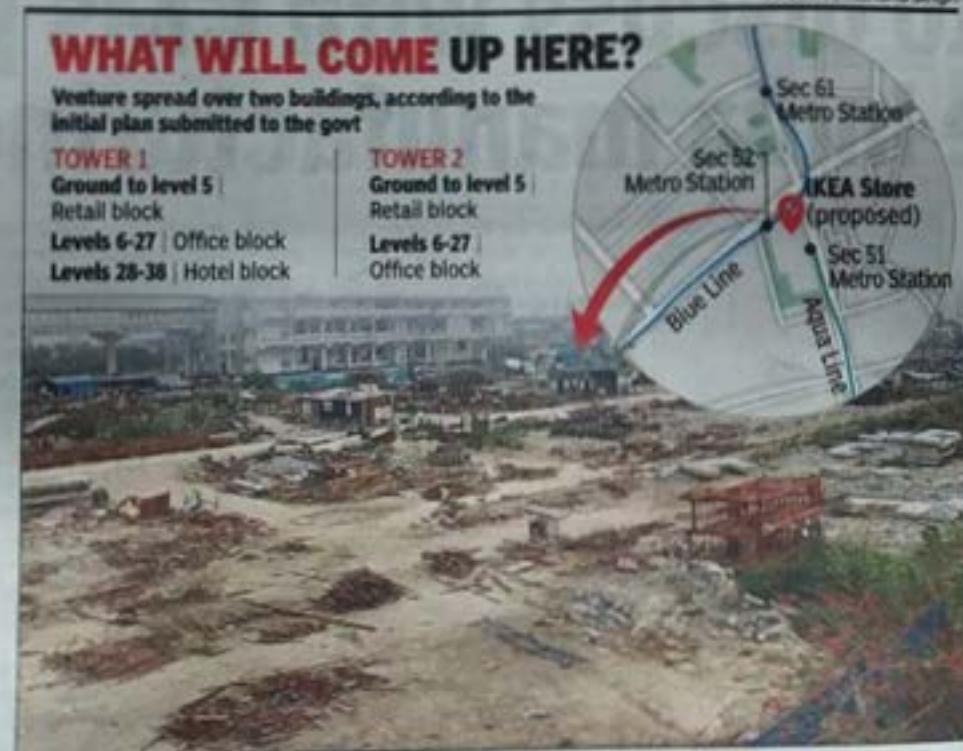
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Noida: The UP government on Friday allotted 12.3 acres in the city to IKEA for what will be the Swedish furniture giant's first 'meeting place' venture in India - a shopping, entertainment and business centre revolving around the flagship IKEA store.

The plot in Sector 51 was allotted by the Noida Authority to INGKA Centres India Pvt Ltd, which is a subsidiary of the INGKA group that owns most IKEA stores. The company began negotiations with the Noida Authority in October 2019 over terms of payment for the plot and the deal was finalised after it paid Rs 850 crore.

CM Yogi Adityanath presided over the event virtually from Lucknow when Noida Authority transferred the land. The company paid Rs 96



bring in investments to the tune of Rs 5,500 crore and generate employment opportunities for more than 2,000 people.

the needs, desires and aspirations of the local people. The company's plans are still in development, and more details

corridors, the interchange, which will have to pass through it, could not be built while negotiations were on.

The overhead walkway

'IKEA plans to open 3 more outlets in UP'

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This is an extremely important occasion for us. IKEA is linked with women empowerment and protection of child rights and I am happy that along with the investment, it will also help to provide several opportunities of direct and indirect employment. Along with construction of mall, office, hotel, retail outlet etc, it will also consider the possibility of investment in other cities as well, the CM said.

The government has provided the company with 50,000 sq meter land in Noida. The company has paid Rs 850 crore for land and another Rs 60 crore in the form of stamp duty.

A government spokesperson said that after its opens its Noida store, IKEA plans to open at least three more outlets in the state, in central UP and Purvanchal. The plans for these will be