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Committed to 'New Gorakhpur' with jobs, development: CM Yogi Adityanath

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GORAKHPUR: Chief minister Yogi Adityanath on Friday said that development creates the identity of any region and his government is committed to taking Uttar Pradesh to new heights.

Highlighting his vision of 'New Gorakhpur', the CM inaugurated nine development projects (Rs 76.4 crore) and laid the foundation of 16 others (Rs 54.2 crore) worth around Rs 131 crore during a programme at Mahant Digvijaynath Park.

Yogi said that generating employment was the priority of his government and added that he would not only remain restricted to providing basic amenities to people but would take steps to take UP on the path of development. He also distributed beneficiary certificates to street vendors.

"At least four lakh people have been given government jobs. Due to rapid investment, over 35 lakh youth have been provided jobs in private sector and lakhs of employment opportunities were created in MSME sector," he said.

"When smoke will rise from fertilizer factory, Gorakhpur will be seen shining in the picture of 'New India'. The fertilizer factory which was closed in 1990 will be made operational by July 2021. Farmers will get good quality fertilizer at low rate. It will create direct and indirect job opportunities. Young people will be imparted training for skill development," he added.

"A plastic park with around 100 manufacturing units will be set up in Gorakhpur where 2,500 people will get direct employment.

Recently, Prime Minister Narendra Modi launched the first-ever toy festival and the establishment of a plastic park will bring revolution in the field of toy industry. Pipraich sugar mill with the capacity of crushing 50,000 quintal sugarcane per day will also help in doubling the income of farmers," he said.

"Lord Ram returned to Ayodhya from Lanka by 'Pushpak Viman'. Today, every citizen can fly from one country to another. Earlier, there was not a single air service from Gorakhpur but today there are flights to eight major cities including Mumbai and Delhi. Soon, international air service will start from Kushinagar," he said.

"Earlier, there was only one route from Gorakhpur to Lucknow. After the availability of Link Expressway, the distance can be covered in just three hours. With four-lane roads, journey from Gorakhpur to Nepal can be completed in just one and a half hours," he pointed out.

Attacking the opposition, the CM said the welfare of villages and poor and medical facilities were not on the agenda of previous governments. "After coming to power, we provided electricity to every village of the state," he added.

"From 1977 to 2017, more than 1,500 children died of encephalitis every year in Gorakhpur and Basti divisions. After the formation of BJP government in the state, the spread of encephalitis has been effectively controlled," the CM said.

"AllMS will be ready in Gorakhpur by the end of 2021. For best treatment facility till the time AllMS starts functioning, the PM has gifted a superspecialty block at medical college. Soon Ayush University will also be established in Gorakhpur," he added.

Yogi said anarchy and misery were the hallmark of Gorakhpur but the 'New Gorakhpur' had immense possibilities in the tourism.

"UP offers rich potential for rural, religious and ecotourism. The upcoming zoo at Gorakhpur will attract tourists and create employment opportunities. The government took all measures to develop Ramgarhtal Lake into a world-class tourism centre," he added.

The CM said special events would be held in every district on International Women's Day (March 8) and added that vacant

quota of ration shops would be filled through allotment to women self-help groups.

He said an action plan would be prepared at nagar panchayat level for management of street vendors and also directed officials to formulate a plan for construction of cow shelters in every nyay panchayat.

He said his government was providing Rs 900 per month to every person who desires to look after cows.