

Yogi Adityanath gifts Rs 1,650 crore projects to Bundelkhand

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LUCKNOW: Promising to turn Bundelkhand into a “heaven on earth” and a hub of solar power, chief minister Yogi Adityanath inaugurated projects worth

Rs1,100 crore and laid the foundation stone for projects worth another Rs 564 crore in the area on Tuesday.

On a two-day tour to the region which began on Tuesday, the CM inspected a bridge being constructed over the Yamuna River in Jalaun as part of the Bundelkhand Expressway, inaugurated a solar project and a dam project in Lalitpur and various other infrastructural projects in Jhansi.

Addressing a public meeting in Jhansi, the CM said that the upcoming defence corridor would change the face of Bundelkhand and where the fighter planes, tanks and guns manufactured here would destroy enemy camps, the youth of Jhansi would crush the enemy and remind the world of the valour of Rani Jhansi.

“After India got freedom, the government that came to power used Bundelkhand’s natural resources for themselves and their families. The bridge that we are making over the Yamuna would have ordinarily taken six years but we are making it in 7-8 months. The projects I inaugurated for Lalitpur will benefit 11 villages and help to irrigate 3,500 hectare agricultural land. There is no alternative to development,” he said.

Lashing out at those who are opposing the Centre's farm laws, the CM said that these are people who are jealous of the acclaim and appreciation which Prime Minister Narendra Modi is getting internationally. "These people have no knowledge of farming but are commenting on farm laws. In 2020, these laws were made and an ordinance passed for which we made suitable amendments in our laws. No mandi has closed, no land will be taken away and nobody is doing away with MSP. These are all lies. When PM Modi's efforts are appreciated at an international platform, those people in India who are living off foreign funding cannot digest it," he said.

The CM said that nobody would have thought that Bundelkhand would one day have an expressway that would connect it with Delhi and Lucknow, industrial development and jobs for the youth. In an area where youth migrated from due to drought, his government was providing not just good roads and air connectivity but also fighting malnutrition by giving Rs 900 per animal to poor families who would look after stray cattle, while addressing the problem of stray cattle itself.