

# Uttar Pradesh: All districts to get medical colleges in six months, says CM Yogi Adityanath

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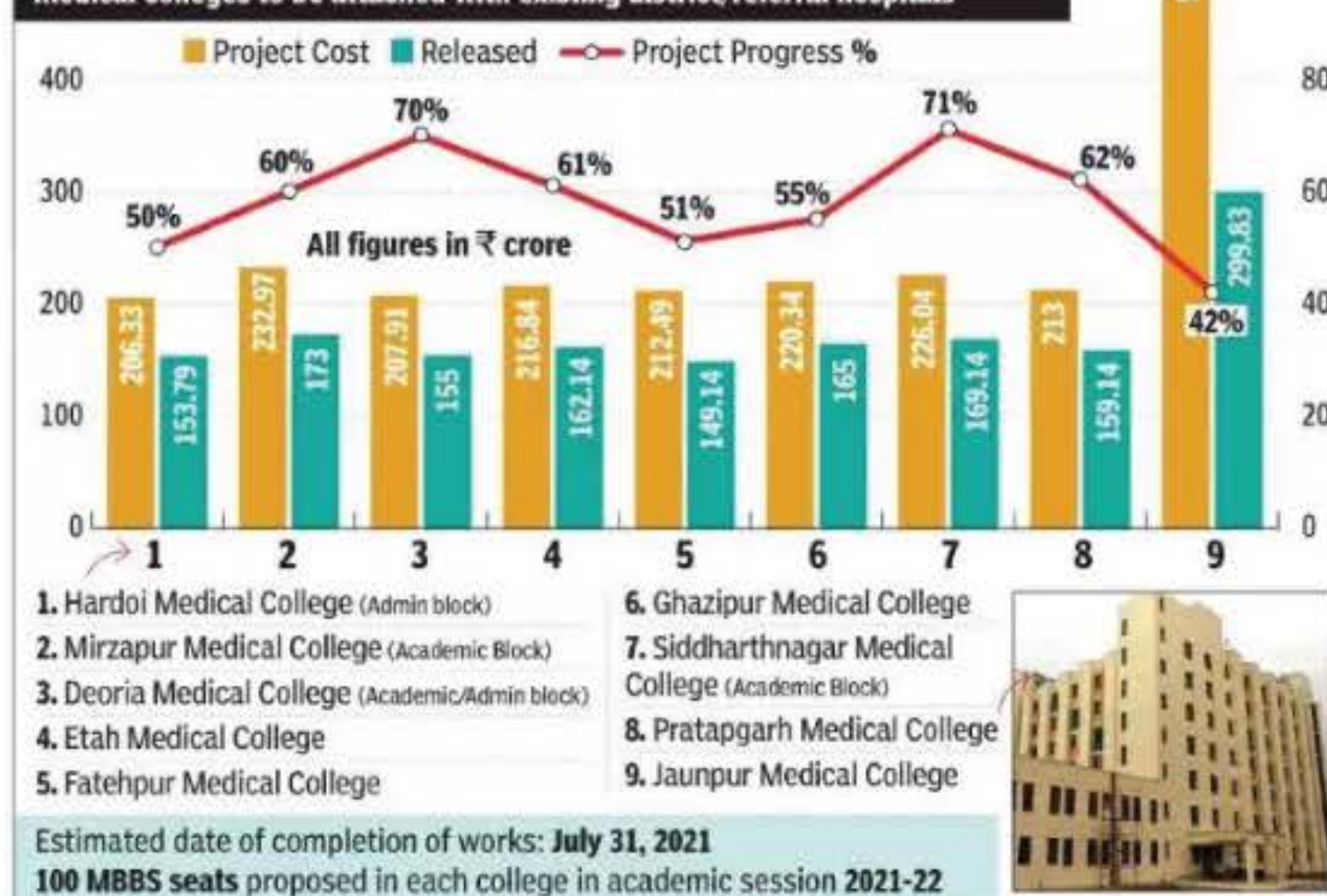
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LUCKNOW: All 75 districts of UP will have a medical college over next six months, said [chief minister Yogi Adityanath](#), while inspecting Maharishi Devraha Baba Medical College, Deoria, on Sunday.

“It’s ironic only 12 government [medical colleges](#) were built in UP between 1947 and 2016, but our government set up 32 new medical colleges since assuming power in 2017,” he said.

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Work underway as part of the second phase of the establishment of nine new medical colleges to be attached with existing district/referral hospitals



Teaching will begin at the Deoria-based medical college from the ensuing academic session and it’s one of the nine colleges that would be inaugurated by Prime Minister Narendra Modi after a nod from Medical Council of India. Referring to the Pradhan Mantri Swasthya Suraksha Yojana, the CM said, no one could have imagined Deoria would have a medical college even five years ago.

“More than Rs 155crore have been spent on the Rs 208crore project. Appointment of faculty has been completed and remaining work would be complete by December,” he said. The CM said, a chain of medical colleges has been established in UP covering 59 districts with Central and state resources.

Elaborating on the plan, Yogi said, while BRD Medical College, Gorakhpur, was the sole institute to cater to eastern UP, now there would be medical colleges at Deoria, Basti and Siddharthnagar too. Construction work is already underway in Kushinagar. “AIIMS Gorakhpur with world class medical facilities has become functional and will be inaugurated by PM Modi in October,” he said.

The medical colleges have played a significant role in flattening the pandemic graph in the country’s most populous state. “Encephalitis was also controlled in the last four-and-half years. Once Deoria was also among the most encephalitis-affected districts, but now deaths have dipped by 95%,” he said.