Uttar Pradesh CM Yogi Adityanath unveils portal for interaction with government

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LUCKNOW: To ensure greater participation of people in governance, Chief Minister Yogi Adityanath launched 'MyGov-Meri Sarkar' portal on Monday.

The portal will give citizens a platform to post comments and suggestions and directly communicate with the government on various policies and schemes. The website is an extension of the MyGov portal launched by Prime Minister Narendra Modi on July 26, 2014.

"It is an attempt to ensure people's participation in governance and get their feedback to give a final shape to policies. More than 10 crore people are directly linked with the portal which is a testimony to its popularity," the CM said.

"Governments announce schemes but there is no participation of people in drafting these schemes. In a democracy, the government is of the people, for the people and by the people. This portal will help us ensure that the public is as much a part of good governance as the government is," Yogi said, adding that not only would the people get benefits of various schemes through the portal, the government would also get their inputs and suggestions to ensure that every section of the society receives benefits.

Emphasising on the importance of technology in governance, the CM gave the example of the public distribution system in the state. "The use of POS (point of sale) machines in fair price shops resulted in a massive reduction in corruption. There were several issues with the food distribution system but we successfully addressed food security through technology," Yogi said.

"The problem persisted till 2016. In 2017, I visited places where deaths due to hunger had taken place. These people had ration cards but no information on how to use them. Their ration was being siphoned off. Then we installed POS machines in more than 80,000 fair process shops, leading to a crackdown on corruption and savings for the government," he said.

Addressed the meeting virtually, Union minister for electronics and information technology, Ashwani Vaishnav, said technology was being used to achieve the dream of 'antyodaya'. "The PM is encouraging the use of technology in various fields like digital payments and direct bank transfers," he said.