

World-class facilities coming to Lucknow; future belongs to UP, says CM Yogi Adityanath



Defence minister Rajnath Singh along with UP CM Yogi Adityanath and deputy CMs Keshav Maurya and Dinesh Sharma, along with other ministers, during the inauguration of the Chowk flyover on Tuesday

LUCKNOW : Chief minister [Yogi Adityanath](#) on Tuesday announced that the future belongs to UP and its people and nothing would be spared for the sustained development of the state. He also attacked the Opposition by saying that earlier, UP was a victim of anarchy and hooliganism.

“By becoming a \$1trillion economy, UP will fulfil the resolve of the Prime Minister and I believe that the state is moving fast in that direction,” said the CM. He was speaking at the ceremony in which [Union](#) defence minister and Lucknow MP Rajnath Singh inaugurated and laid the foundation of 180 infrastructure projects worth Rs 1,710 crore.

“After Rajnath Singh left the post of CM in 2003, the state slipped into an era of chaos, corruption and hooliganism. Investors exited from UP because of poor law and order. There was no vision for development and no respect for people’s aspirations. A riot occurred every third day from 2012 to 2017,” Yogi added.

| WINDFALL OF DEVELOPMENT PROJECTS | |
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| 110 PROJECTS WORTH ₹1,313 CRORE INAUGURATED | |
| HIGHLIGHTS | |
| Kisan Path | ₹280 cr |
| Chowk flyover | ₹142 cr |
| 352 EWS and 512 LIG flats at CG City | ₹128.5 cr |
| Construction of 57 smart roads | ₹125 cr |
| Three community health centres | ₹20 cr |
| STP at Avantibai and Balrampur hospitals | ₹13 cr |
| Revival and beautification of six ponds | ₹12.5 cr |
| Health ATMs | ₹10 cr |
| Musical fountain at Clock Tower | ₹6.2 cr |
| Solar power system at Hathhi Park | ₹2 cr |
| Free Wi-Fi at six parks | ₹10.9 L |
| 39 other projects | ₹563 cr |
| FOUNDATION LAID FOR 70 PROJECTS WORTH ₹397 CRORE | |
| HIGHLIGHTS | |
| Smart roads | ₹180 cr |
| Laying of sewer pipeline | ₹100 cr |
| Underground parking near DM office | ₹80 cr |
| Rainwater harvesting plant at LMC office | ₹22 cr |
| Revival of 3 cremation grounds | ₹10 cr |
| Phytoremediation technique for sewage treatment | ₹5 cr |

However, the CM said, things have changed in the past four years.

“The projects being inaugurated and those whose foundations have been laid speak volumes about the change in Lucknow and the state. These projects will not only resolve traffic issues in the city, but also provide world-class facilities to citizens,” he said.

Further, the CM said, UP is now the second best state in India in terms of ease of doing business as compared to its 12th-14th position four years ago.

“During the Covid period when investors were fleeing China, amid competition on the global stage, India and UP became their first choice. The [Samsung](#) display unit of Rs 5,000 crore has been set up in the state. North India’s largest data centre is also being established here. Overall, an investment of Rs 66,000 crore has come to UP,” he said.

“Besides a network of expressways and upgrading of interstate routes into four lanes, state universities of Saharanpur, Aligarh and Azamgarh, law university at Prayagraj, sports university at Meerut, Atal medical university at Lucknow and Ayush University at Gorakhpur are being established,” he added.

Deputy chief minister Dinesh Sharma said, “Lucknow is getting world-class services like Delhi and Mumbai. The dream of development that Atalji had for Lucknow is being fulfilled today.”

Deputy chief minister Keshav Prasad Maurya said, “The previous chief ministers used hard earned tax money of the public for constructing statues, but the [BJP](#) government is working to provide world-class services to people.”

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The new infrastructure projects will definitely improve the quality of life of people and ease traffic flow, but civic authorities need to ensure regular maintenance for durability and better services. In the absence of proper upkeep, several roads and flyovers in the city are in bad shape. People also face inconvenience due to poor street lighting.

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Carry Vajpayee’s pic on all hoardings, says Rajnath

Defence minister Rajnath Singh urged the state government and BJP functionaries to ensure that a picture of former [PM Atal Behari Vajpayee](#) was present on top of all hoardings and banners put up before any event in Lucknow. Singh convincingly invoked Vajpayee to suggest that the BJP stalwart, who represented Lucknow, was a revered political figure even in foreign shores. “Not a single poster should be left without Atal ji’s picture,” he said.