

# Uttar Pradesh No. 1 in execution of 44 central schemes: CM Yogi Adityanath



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LUCKNOW: With his government completing 4.5 years on Sunday, Chief Minister **Yogi Adityanath** listed out its achievements at an event held in Lucknow on Sunday. The event, marked as 'Vikas Utsav' with a tagline of "Soch Imaandaar, Kam Damdaar...Chha Gayi Yogi Sarkaar", also had the presence of BJP vice-president and UP in charge Radha Mohan Singh and UP BJP chief Swatantra Dev Singh.

In another rebuttal to the opposition, the CM also defended his government with a firm assertion over management of the two waves of Corona pandemic even as many other states faced resurgence of new cases.

## YOGI SHOWCASES ACHIEVEMENTS, DEVPT MODEL



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CM Yogi Adityanath made his government's 'report card' public to highlight his government achievements in 4.5 years		
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Created an environment of security and good governance in the state</li> <li>Govt's works brought a positive change in UP's image in India and abroad</li> <li>Followed zero tolerance policy against crime and improved law &amp; order</li> <li>Properties worth ₹1,800 crore amassed by the mafia were seized or demolished</li> <li>UP tops in the execution of 44 central schemes</li> <li>Direct benefit transfer of ₹5 lakh crore made to the accounts of youths, women and underprivileged</li> <li>Constructed 42 lakh houses for the poor in rural and urban areas under the PM Awas Yojana</li> <li>Brought transparency in ration distribution with</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>the use of EPoS machines, saving ₹1,200 crore per year</li> <li>Revived MSME sector to make the state an export hub. MSME sector is exporting goods worth ₹1.21 lakh crore every year</li> <li>Launched Mission Shakti for women empowerment</li> <li>Ensured transparent recruitment in govt depts</li> <li>Provided government jobs to over 4.5 lakh youths</li> <li>Adopted a transparent transfer-posting policy</li> <li>Created an effective Covid management model</li> <li>Govt has vaccinated 9.5cr people so far</li> <li>Metro services to be available in Kanpur and Meerut by year-end</li> <li>Seven new universities being established in UP</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Laid the foundation of UP State Institute of Forensic Sciences in Lucknow</li> <li>Curbed corruption in purchase of farmers' crops at MSP with the use of E-PoP system</li> <li>Restarted sugar mills that closed down under the previous government</li> <li>₹1.43 lakh crore paid to sugarcane farmers so far</li> <li>Made UP investment-friendly for industries</li> <li>UP achieved second spot in 'Ease of Doing Business' rankings</li> <li>Launched ODOP Scheme to promote local products</li> <li>Brought down unemployment rate from 17.5% in 2017 to 4.1% in March 2021</li> <li>PM Narendra Modi laid the foundation of Ram Temple in Ayodhya</li> </ul>

Yogi did not miss the chance to lash out at the opposition parties for avoiding going to Hindu religious centres like Ayodhya and Mathura out of fear of getting tagged as "communal". "But the BJP did not think so and organised events that marked the religious and cultural identity of the places," he said.

Launching a blistering attack on the previous SP government, Yogi said that this is the same UP where criminals and mafia dons enjoyed political patronage and riots happened every fourth day. "Now, no riots happen and criminals are facing the wrath of the government," he said, highlighting his government's achievement of seizing illegally occupied land worth nearly Rs 1,800 crore.

The CM pointed out that UP is ranked No. 1 in the implementation of 44 central schemes among all states in the country. He added that the state government launched the Mission Shakti programme for the safety and empowerment of women.

Yogi said 1.38 crore poor have ben provided free power connections while 2.61 crore toilets have been built in the state in the past 4.5 years.

In terms of infrastructure also, UP has been making rapid progress with the construction of expressways. Besides, the state currently boasts of five international airports and eight domestic airports while work is underway on 10 airports, the CM said.

He also slammed the previous CMs for vying to make big bungalows for themselves while ignoring the basic needs of the people. "But we did not make houses for self but provided houses to as many as 42 lakh people," Yogi said, in an apparent jibe at SP chief Akhilesh Yadav and BSP chief Mayawati.

He also underscored that it was the team work of the state government and the BJP organisation that the needs of the people were fulfilled. He also credited the leadership of PM Narendra Modi and other senior BJP leaders, including party president JP Nadda and home minister Amit Shah in helping the state government achieve its goals. "We managed to infuse confidence among people about governance and facilitate them on various fronts. And this is the real identity of the present government," he said.

He said that UP used to witness deaths due to hunger. "But after BJP came to power it was found that nearly 40 lakh needy people did not have the ration cards, which were otherwise used fraudulently by other people. We put a check on the practice and connected all 80,000 PDS shops with e-PoS machines," he said. Yogi added that the state government also ensured that people get adequate compensation in times of crisis. "We transferred Rs 5 lakh crore to the needy through Direct Benefit Transfer (DBT) in the last four and a half year period," he said.

On the employment front, he said, youth were given jobs on the basis of merit, while following reservation provisions, and not by their "identity". In a veiled attack on the opposition, Yogi said that earlier the "whole Khandaan" used to move out to "extort money" from the job seekers. "Now, there is no `dalaali' and over 4.5 lakh jobs were given to the youth," he said, insisting that even the transfer and posting of officials in the government had become an "industry" in the previous government. "But in the past 4.5 years, no one can level a charge of corruption in the transfer of officials. We have been able to provide a stable government," he said.

Yogi said that the "swift decision making" image of his government and improvement in UP's ranking from 14th to 2nd position in "ease of doing business" attracted a host of big investors to the state. He said even the small and medium scale industries, which were dying a slow death in the previous government, were now exporting products worth over Rs 1.21 lakh crore.

The CM also took a pot shot at the previous SP and BSP governments – spanning between 2007 and 2017 – accusing them of paying a paltry Rs 95,000 crore to the cane growers. "In contrast our 4.5-year rule saw cane farmers being given a compensation of over Rs 1.43 lakh crore," he said. He also cited the example of paddy and wheat procurement which, he claimed, remained as low as 6 lakh MT per annum in the previous government. This, Yogi said, increased to 66 lakh MT annually in case of paddy and 56 lakh MT in case of wheat, despite the Corona pandemic. Yogi's statement came amid the ongoing farm protest which threatens to take political overtones in politically restive west UP region.