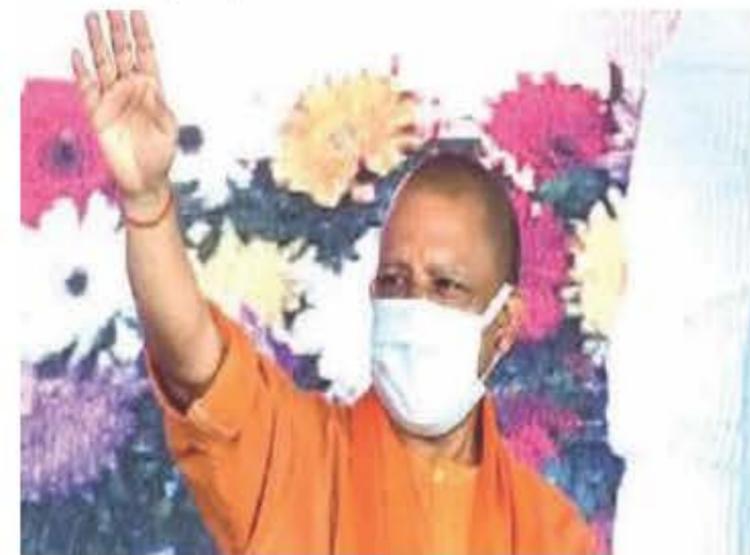


Purvanchal Expressway will be east Uttar Pradesh's economic lifeline, development axis, says CM Yogi Adityanath

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LUCKNOW/SULTANPUR: Chief Minister Yogi Adityanath on Tuesday said the Purvanchal Expressway is 'not just an infrastructure project' but the much needed 'road to development' of east UP that was completely ignored by the previous state governments since independence.

"This expressway will become the economic lifeline of east UP as well as the axis of its development," Yogi said in Sultanpur while speaking at the inauguration ceremony of the 341 km Purvanchal Expressway connecting Lucknow with Ghazipur.



Yogi also trained the spotlight on religion saying his government gave due respect to the 'faith' of the people. The CM, in fact, gifted PM Narendra Modi a handmade model of the upcoming Ram Temple in Ayodhya. "This is a picture of the new Bharat... picture of a new UP," Yogi said, stressing that UP will play a pivotal role in turning PM Modi's dream of making India a global economic superpower.

Asserting that his government embarked on focussed development, Yogi cited the examples of the upcoming expressways, executing Metro rail in four cities, and making nine airports functional under the UDAN scheme of the Centre.

Yogi said besides its focus on infrastructure development, his government also extended benefits of all schemes related to health and education to all 'without any discrimination'.

The chief minister further said that work on Bundelkhand Expressway connecting Chitrakoot with Etawah, Gorakhpur Link expressway and Ballia link expressway is being carried out on a war footing, while work on the 594 km Ganga Expressway connecting Meerut with Prayagraj would begin soon.