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# Ayodhya to be linked with waterways: CM Yogi Adityanath

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AYODHYA: Days after proposing a world class airport in Ayodhya, UP Chief Minister Yogi Adityanath on Friday announced plans to also connect the temple city with the world through waterways.

“Thousands of years ago, the princess of Ayodhya travelled to Korea through waterways. Taking a cue, we will now explore options to connect Ayodhya with waterways through grand rivers of Saryu and Ghaghra which flow through the temple town,” the CM said, insisting that efforts would be made to present Ayodhya as a world class destination with modern amenities and global connectivity.

He said the new Ayodhya would have best roads, air, rail and waterways connectivity.

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The Chief Minister was in Ayodhya to lay the foundation for Government Ayurvedic College, along with 500 health wellness centres, and 50-bed AYUSH hospitals for six districts — Unnao, Shravasti, Gorakhpur, Hardoi, Sambhal and Mirzapur and 50-bed Integrated AYUSH hospitals for Lucknow, Kanpur, Kanpur Dehat.

The CM also announced that the work was on to connect all Ayurvedic colleges of the state with the Ayurvedic University.

In a scathing attack on the previous SP government in the state, the CM said there was a pressing need to bring 'Ram Rajya' in true sense.

"People don't want a government that fires bullets on Ram Bhakts," he said with obvious reference to firing on the karsewaks in 1990.

Describing Ayodhya as a symbol of faith for everyone, the CM said, "Everyone's cooperation is needed to fulfill Prime Minister Narendra Modi's resolve to develop Ayodhya as the most beautiful city in the world."

He thanked the central government for giving an Ayurvedic college to Ayodhya. "In a few days, the Prime Minister will lay the foundation stone for international airport in Ayodhya. Then you will be able to travel to any country from here," said Yogi.

Reminiscing the relationship of Ayodhya with Korea, he said, "It is said that Ratna, the princess of Korea, reached Ayodhya from Korea via the waterways from Ayodhya."

The CM also inaugurated the 50-bed Integrated Ayush Hospital and 500 Ayush Health Wellness Centres from Ayodhya and laid the foundation stone of Government Ayurvedic College and Hospital, Ayodhya.

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Earlier, inaugurating Shri Ram Satsang Bhawan, the CM said the message of unity and peace was given to the entire country through Deepotsav in Ayodhya.

"The government is constantly making efforts to ensure that the saints and devotees who come here do not face any problem. Shri Ram Satsang Bhawan will provide all facilities to devotees," he said.

Urging all to be careful in view of coronavirus, he said, “Our government is working to save lives and livelihood. Follow all the guidelines of the central and state government on coronavirus so that it is defeated and the country wins.”