

# Soon, Gorakhpur to get Metro service: CM

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Gorakhpur: Chief Minister Yogi Adityanath on Wednesday flagged off electric city buses in Gorakhpur and also reached the venue of The Times of India Destination Uttar Pradesh conclave in an electric bus from Shastri Chowk. One such electric bus will be driven by a woman driver, Puja Prajapati, a fact appreciated by the CM. Launching 262 projects of Rs 550-crore at Nagar Nigam premises, he also announced that Metro services will be started in Gorakhpur soon and the city will emerge as a centre of water sports.

“The much-awaited Metro rail project will soon come in Gorakhpur and the city would soon emerge as a world class centre for water sports with the launch of a water sports complex in iconic Ramgarh Tal, the 1,700-acre lake,” the CM said.

The CM also inaugurated the newly constructed house of Nagar Nigam, Smart Traffic Management System, multi-level parking and extension of piped water supply and road projects. He also laid the foundation stone of several other projects in Gorakhpur.

The CM also unveiled a statue of Mahant Avaidyanath outside the newly constructed house of Nagar Nigam.

The CM said that two key projects, AllMS and fertilizer factory, have already been dedicated to east UP by Prime Minister Narendra Modi on October 20 and new development projects are being gifted to the city by the government.

“Earlier, the house of Nagar Nigam was running in a 127-year-old British era building and this new house has been built with extended seating capacity. It has been equipped with all modern facilities. I hope that this new house will be used to prepare a strong plan for the development of the city,” CM Yogi added.

“Soon, the city will witness the operation of Metro projects. Also, the Ramgarh Tal lake will be used as an alternative airport as sea planes would land and take off from here. There will be services for Lucknow and Delhi as well as for Varanasi. With the seaplane services, people would be able to take holy dip in Maa Ganga and will return to Gorakhpur in sea plane after visiting Baba Vishwanath in Varanasi,” the CM said.

“And, with a series of water sports in the lake, the city would emerge as a world centre for adventure water sports,” said the CM, adding that he wanted to take Gorakhpur to new heights of development.