

Ganga expressway foundation by PM Modi soon, says Uttar Pradesh CM Yogi Adityanath

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SHAHJAHANPUR/MATHURA: Chief minister Yogi Adityanath on Wednesday said, Prime Minister Narendra Modi will soon lay the foundation of the six-lane Ganga Expressway, connecting Meerut with Prayagraj. Though the date hasn't been officially announced, government sources said he is likely to visit Shahjahanpur on December 18 and address a public meeting. Yogi, who was in Shahjahanpur to oversee preparations for the scheduled event, said, "The PM's visit is very important for catapulting UP's economy to new heights. An airstrip for emergency landing will also be laid on the expressway. Plans are afoot to develop an industrial cluster too."

In Mathura, the CM said, Samajwadi Party ruined the state by indulging in politics of appeasement, casteism, corruption, terror and fear. "The state and its dignity was handed over to criminals. Development was confined to 'one particular family'. Some districts were treated as 'VIPs' and remaining 71 districts failed to develop," he said, while launching a slew of development projects of Rs 201.16 crore in Mathura. While declaring free ration would be provided to 15 crore people from December 12 till March, he said, if the pandemic didn't get over till the Rang Utsav in Barsana, the deadline for free food grains will be extended.

Yogi compared his governance with that of SP and BSP, saying "before 2017, no benefits of the government schemes reached the poor and deprived. They either benefited selective people or were never meant to benefit people."

Stating that the 'soul' of the country resides in UP, he said, "This is the land of Baba Vishwanath, Lord Rama, Lord Shri Krishna, Maa Ganga-Yamuna. Yet, the previous governments left no stone unturned to ruin this blessed land for their own benefits." "This is the same Kosi Kalan where the 2012 riots took place which resulted in massive loss of life and property. Negative approach causes riots, chaos and anarchy. Government's positive intent reflects in its functioning. Right intent brings in investment," added the CM.