

# CM: Inland Waterways Authority in UP will boost cargo movement

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**Lucknow:** Uttar Pradesh could soon get an Inland Waterways Authority which will be tasked with the development of waterways in the state for transportation and cargo movement. Chief Minister Yogi Adityanath proposed the formation of such a body during a meeting on Thursday where he said that UP has several perennial rivers which have water in them almost through the year.

With one national waterway from Prayagraj to Haldia already operational, Yogi said the state had immense potential for both passenger and cargo transportation.

“The expansion of waterway transport in UP is progressing rapidly. The state has had a rich tradition of water transportation. There was a time when the princess of Ayodhya tra-



Chief Minister Yogi Adityanath held Janata Darbar at his residence in Lucknow on Thursday

velled through waterways to South Korea. However, in course of time, the sector was neglected,” he said.

With a need for concerted efforts to promote waterways in the state, the CM said the formation of the Inland Waterways Authority would be immensely helpful and the functioning of the National Waterway Authority and similar systems in other states should be studied before framing a proposal for UP.

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## Local planning body for new towns, cities

Towns and cities not regulated by the development authorities will now have a local planning body to regulate construction activities while there will be a town planning directorate at the state level. This was decided at an important meeting chaired by CM Yogi Adityanath on Thursday, to review plans for proper urban development of the state. **P4**

## CM: Promotion of start-ups helped

Emphasising on the role of technology in the 21st century, CM Yogi Adityanath said India had made a name for itself on global platform due to its work in promoting innovation and start-ups in the past nine years. He was speaking virtually at World Robotics Championship in Noida. **P4**