

'Make UP first state with 18 safe cities'

Yogi Gives 3 Mths To Upgrade Safety Norms

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Lucknow: Reviewing the action plan for the Safe City project, Chief Minister Yogi Adityanath on Tuesday said that all 17 municipal corporations and Gautam Budh Nagar should be upgraded as safe cities in the first phase and to ensure that UP becomes the first state in the country to have 18 safe cities in three months.

The CM directed senior officials of the home department to take adequate steps to ensure the safety of people.

He said that the Safe City Project was useful in ensuring women's safety, respect and self-reliance. "Through this project, under the Lucknow police commissionerate, modern control rooms, pink police booths, Asha Jyoti Kendras, CCTV cameras, help desks for counselors in women's police stations, panic buttons in buses and other security measures were implemented, which will be expanded further," he said.

The CM directed that all the 17 municipal corporations and Gautam Budh Nagar should be developed as 'Safe City' in the first phase by financial management through convergence with inter-departmental coordination.

"In the second phase, municipalities of 57 district headquarters, and in the third phase, 143 municipalities will be linked to the project. Special branding will be done by putting up boards mentioning 'Safe City' at the entrance of all such cities. In this way, Uttar Pradesh will be the

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- **Besides women safety**, the project will also focus on elderly, children and differently abled



- Every police station will be equipped with **CCTV**
- **NCC/NSS volunteers** will join pink booths

first state in the country to have safest cities," he said.

"Currently, the Safe City project is focused on the safety of women. We should expand it and link it to the safety of the elderly, children and disabled people," he said.

"With the Integrated Traffic Management System installed under the Smart City Project, the security system of the cities has become smart. CCTVs should be installed at maximum number of places by seeking cooperation of traders," the CM said.

He said that CCTV cameras should be put up in all police stations of the state.

"Prepare a standard operating procedure for this and work should be done with top priority. Good quality cameras must be installed in police stations where public hearings are held," the CM said.

Yogi said that special programmes should be organised for women, children, elderly and differently abled people at the district level on-

ce in a month.

"NCC/NSS volunteers should be assigned the responsibility as Safe City volunteers who should be in touch with pink booths," he said.

The chief minister said the departments of social welfare and urban development should work together for rehabilitation of people engaged in begging.

He also stressed on the verification of drivers of public transport vehicles to realize the concept of Safe City. "Routes should be decided for e-rickshaws in all cities. Overloading of vehicles should be checked. The nearest police station must have complete information about tenants living in cities," the chief minister added.

He directed the officials to develop a Safe City portal and connect all such departments through which welfare schemes were being run for women, children, elderly and disabled people.