

UP to get mega convention centres in 5 major cities soon

'Eco Growth Has Given Birth To Idea'

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Lucknow: The state government has decided to set up mega convention centres in five major cities of the state.

While Lucknow, Gorakhpur, Agra, Moradabad and Prayagraj have already been identified for the project, the state government has also asked the housing department to explore the feasibility of setting up convention centres across 18 divisional headquarters in the state.

Officials said that the increased economic activity in the state has given birth to

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the idea of large convention centres in major cities.

With the state striving to achieve the USD 1 trillion-dollar goal within the next four years, convention centres will be needed to organise expos, trade fairs, conclaves, seminars and workshops in various regions to provide a platform to the local community as well as entrepreneurs and investors willing to explore opportunities in the state.

Nitin Ramesh Gokarn, additional chief secretary, housing department, said that vice-chairmen of the fi-

ve development authorities have been asked to prepare a preliminary report after identifying a suitable site where a convention centre could be built.

"The budget estimates required to establish the centres will be available only when we receive the response from the development authorities," said Gokarn.

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report. The main auditoriums will be created to host between 500 and 1,000 individuals.

"The idea is to hold international level summits within the other regions of the state apart from Lucknow, Noida and NCR districts. Accommodation will be also offered within the complex to the guests who come to attend events at the centres. Amenities like restaurants will also be made available," said the officer.

The development authorities have been asked to plan the properties keeping in mind the facilities that are available in three-star hotels. Before embarking on the ambitious projects, the authorities will also have to figure out the revenue model and financial sustainability in the long run.