

Nod to Noida-like industrial township in Bundelkhand

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LUCKNOW: In what appears to be a major move to develop the state's backward Bundelkhand region, the state cabinet on Tuesday approved a proposal to set up a new industrial township—the Bundelkhand Industrial Development Authority (BIDA)—in Jhansi on the pattern of NOIDA, set up in 1976.

Chief minister Yogi Adityanath presided over the meeting of the state cabinet that also approved an aspirational city plan to be implemented in 100 most backward urban bodies with a population of 20,000 to 1 lakh by March 31, 2026.

Under the scheme, 100 youths will be appointed as chief minister's fellow to ensure develop-

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ment in these urban local bodies. Both the moves, the setting up of the BIDA and the aspirational city plan, are aimed at giving a push to the objective of making Uttar Pradesh a trillion-dollar economy.

Minister for finance Suresh Khanna and minister for urban development Arvind Sharma

briefed media persons about the state cabinet's decisions. Khanna said it was after a gap of 47 years that the state government had decided to set up a new industrial development township after setting up of the NOIDA city in 1976. He said the BIDA would be developed under the state government's chief minister's industrial development area expansion/new industrial area promotion policy. The move would lead to expeditious multi-dimensional development of the region and create new job opportunities

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