

# PM Modi links rapid growth of UP with goal of India becoming developed nation

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**Noida:** Linking "rapid development" of UP to the goal of India becoming a developed economy by 2047, Prime Minister Narendra Modi on Thursday inaugurated a new industrial city in Greater Noida and underlined the transformative impact the upcoming Noida International Airport will have on western UP which, he said, was turning into one of the country's biggest employment centres.

"The central government is building four new industrial smart cities in the country, cities that can compete with the world's best manufacturing and investment destinations. One of these smart cities is in Greater Noida, and today, I have the privilege of inaugurating it," the PM said, speaking in Bulandshahr, where the official programme was orga-



PM Narendra Modi with CM Yogi Adityanath and UP BJP chief Bhupendra Chaudhary in Bulandshahr on Thursday

nised, his second major public event in the state after the January 22 consecration ceremony of the Ram temple in Ayodhya.

"After the consecration of Ram Lalla in Ayodhya, it is time to give new heights to the prestige of the nation. And if the goal is big, every resource has to be gathered and everyone has to make an effort. Building a developed India is

not possible without the rapid development of Uttar Pradesh. For this, we have to awaken every power, from farms to knowledge, science, industry and enterprise," the PM said.

Talking about the new industrial township, he said, "Every basic facility required for daily life, business, and industry has been developed here. Today, this city is ready for investors from all over the

world. Small, micro, and cottage industries of western UP will benefit from this. Our farmers and worker brethren will also be big beneficiaries, and new possibilities for agriculture-based industry will also emerge here."

Eight companies – among them Haier and Forme – have so far invested in the township, which has been developed at a cost of Rs 1,714 crore across 747 acres and is strategically located, just 4km from Pari Chowk. The township, called IITGNL, is also looking for investments in education and housing.

The PM also inaugurated and laid foundation stones of several projects in Noida and Greater Noida, including an underpass at Gaur Chowk and eight foot overbridges in Greater Noida. The Noida projects he laid foundation stones for included a Japanese theme park, an Arymandal park and a Veer Rath park.