

# Investments to narrow regional disparities in U.P.

West UP's share likely to be nearly 50%, east U.P. 28-30%, central U.P. 13-14% while Bundelkhand region may get 6-7% of the investments

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**LUCKNOW** : The UP government's groundbreaking ceremony 4.0, scheduled at Indira Gandhi Pratishthan (IGP) here from February 19 to 21, is likely to help remove regional disparities that have remained a major challenge in bringing about all-round development of the state over the years.

Prime Minister Narendra Modi will perform the 'bhoomi puja' of nearly 14,500 projects involving investments of over Rs 10.15 lakh crore on February 19. Investments in backward regions will spur growth and narrow down the gap between west UP and the other three regions in the state in terms of development.

The groundbreaking ceremony will see implementation of investment proposals in all regions of the

state, said those aware of the developments. West UP is still getting nearly half the share of UP's total investments being brought to the ground at the GBC. The three other regions - Purvanchal (east UP), Madhyanchal (central UP) and Bundelkhand too are getting a considerable share in the investments.

"Earlier, investments used to come mostly in west UP. Though west UP's share is large this time too, the investments are spread across all the regions of the state. Bundelkhand region may get only 6 to 7 % of the investments, but the population-wise ratio may be good there. We have got investment in every district this time. This will help remove regional disparities and ensure holistic growth of UP," said Manoj Kumar Singh, infrastructure and industrial development commissioner (IIDC).

Though final shape is being given to the region-wise and district-wise breakup of investments, there are indications that the share of west UP will come to nearly 50%, east UP 28-30% while central UP may get 13-14%. Bundelkhand region's share may be in the range of 6-7%.

UP Global Investors' Summit-2023 had received investment proposals of about Rs 33.50 lakh crore. The proposals were spread in all the districts of the state. Later, the state government received more proposals, and the total investment received was now estimated to be Rs 40 lakh crore.

"It is known that UP has the problem of regional imbalance in terms of



IGP decked up with hoardings of the groundbreaking ceremony in Lucknow.

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## High-rises around IGP to be watch towers for 3 days

**LUCKNOW** : The city police are gearing up for the upcoming three-day ground-breaking ceremony scheduled to take place on February 19.

It has been decided to take advantage of high-rise buildings around Indira Gandhi Pratishthan (IGP). PM Narendra Modi will attend the main grand event, held in the open lawn of IGP.

"We will be using high-rises as watch towers with police personnel to be deployed on each floor," said joint police commissioner (law and order) Upendra Agarwal, who inspected the site while giving necessary guidelines for security and other arrangements to DCP East Prabal Pratap Singh and ADCP East Syed Abbas Ali. "Floor-wise rooftop duty and floor-wise security personnel will be deployed in the buildings," he directed to the officials.

"As the PM is scheduled to inaugurate the ceremony, police are making full-proof security arrangements. The National Security Guard's anti-drone technology will be used," the JCP added.

"Even though the work is still



Police officials taking stock of preparations for GBC.

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underway with several labourers working day and night, the entire premises is being checked daily with the anti-sabotage team inside and outside IGP," informed the JCP. The traffic plan is also being made as all commercial vehicles leading to IGP will be diverted on the main day. "Detailed traffic diversion routes will be shared soon after the plan is finalised," said the Lucknow traffic department.

### Housing societies to lend space for parking

According to the police, a provi-

sion of over 3,000 parking spaces has been made.

"A meeting with the owners of all the places which have been made parking places should be held. While these societies will provide space, it should be seen that ample space for these societies is left," he added.

"The police personnel will be deployed in plainclothes, and they should be wearing blazers, and everyone's uniform should be the same. Instead of briefing about the duties at one place, all the duties should be briefed about separately. Briefings should be conducted at sites on different days so that more and more people can attend the briefing themselves and listen to all the security arrangements," read a press statement from the JCP's office.

The JCP also said that while one helipad is in a ready state, a letter is being written to the concerned department for repair of the other two. Apart from the venue, the area around IGP will be decked up including the entire Shaheed Path from the airport to IGP.

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development. UPGIS made a significant departure as it attracted investments in all districts and regions. GBC 4.0 takes this initiative ahead by implementing these proposals. It should help in removing regional disparities," said Prof Yashvir Tyagi, former head of department economics, Lucknow University.

Meanwhile, a district-wise breakup of investment proposals received at the UPGIS-2023 indicated that Gautam Buddha Nagar received proposals of Rs 7.85 lakh crore

(27.14% of total investments), followed by Agra with investment proposals of Rs 2.18 lakh crore (7.54% of total investments), Lucknow Rs 1.96 lakh crore (6.79%), Gorakhpur Rs 1.71 lakh crore (5.93% of total investment) and Varanasi Rs 1.37 lakh crore (4.75% of total investment).

Other districts with investment proposals of above Rs 1 lakh crore included Jhansi with Rs 1.35 lakh crore (4.70 lakh crore of total investments) and Ghaziabad with Rs 1.05 lakh crore (3.66% of total invest-

ment).

A study of the Gross District Domestic Product's estimates for 2021-2022 indicated disparities in the state's four regions - west UP, east UP, central UP and Bundelkhand. The GDDP for west UP at current prices was estimated to be Rs 9.44 lakh crore while for east UP it was estimated at Rs 5.37 lakh crore.

Bundelkhand and central UP had estimated GDDP of Rs 99,029.34 crore and Rs 3.36 lakh crore, respectively.



A double-decker bus brought to Lucknow from Chennai ahead of the GBC. The company has reportedly proposed to open a manufacturing plant in UP.

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### YEIDA SURPASSES TARGET OF ATTRACTING INVESTMENT

**LUCKNOW**: The Yamuna Expressway Industrial Development Authority (YEIDA) will see launch of 280 projects worth more than Rs 45,148 crore by Prime Minister Narendra Modi at the upcoming groundbreaking ceremony scheduled at Indira Gandhi Pratishthan in Lucknow from February 19 to 21.

According to a press release, YEIDA has surpassed the target of bringing projects worth Rs 43,750 crore to the ground in the region. The increase stands at 103 percent. The projects being brought to the ground include mobile phone assembling units, toy producing companies, data centres and wellness centres. The authority has realised 21 projects for which it had signed MoUs with various domestic and foreign companies. Additionally, 259 projects, falling under the non-MoU category, are poised for implementation across diverse locations within the YEIDA region. Among ventures slated for YEIDA region, VALS Developers Pvt Ltd is set to introduce an integrated IT, ITES and data centre in Sector 28, with an investment of Rs 11,000 cr.

### 3D REPLICA OF RAM MANDIR

**LUCKNOW**: The state tourism department will showcase a 3D replica of the Ram Mandir at the upcoming exhibition to be organised on the sidelines of the GBC at the IGP, starting from February 19. The department will set up its pavilion at the GBC to showcase UP's cultural heritage and achievements of the Yogi government through an audio-visual presentation.

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About 50 containers put up to make the grand stage for upcoming GBC 2024 at IGP on Thursday.

## 48 shipping containers make GBC grand stage

First time in U.P. these containers are being used to make the stage for a large-scale event, says MD of Delhi-based firm

Iron scaffolding has been erected on top of the containers which will form the roof of the structure," he said.

### Shipping container as screen

"Along with the two sides where the containers are used, the background of the main stage will also have containers instead of screens where 3D audio-visuals will be displayed, and the fourth side is being left open as the main entrance," said Vandana Singh Jangra, project manager.

"New age content with 3D animations and models, larger than life CG elements, and visuals like never before makes the entire experience phenomenal. Breathtaking and mesmerising cinematic journey of U.P. on the container screen with hi-tech projections which is one of a kind and will come alive for the first time in India" added Jangra.

### 40 artists, 500 hands painting murals

As many as 500 people and 40-50 artists, including junior and senior artists, are working to meet the deadline with most artists having come from Delhi. "GBC-related murals are being painted on these containers. Sprays and acrylic colours are being used in the artwork of containers and are based on whatever development has taken place in Uttar Pradesh using different colours," said Priyendra Shukla, Delhi-based senior painter and sculptor, who is supervising the work.

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**LUCKNOW** : Some 50 cargo shipping containers are being used to make the grand stage at the Indira Gandhi Pratishthan (IGP) for the upcoming ground-breaking ceremony (GBC) where PM Modi will be the chief guest on February 19.

"This is for the first time in Uttar Pradesh that these shipping containers are being used to make the stage for a large-scale event," said Vinay Mittal, managing director of Delhi-based company Deepali Designs & Exhibits, which is tasked with managing the venue.

"The overall height of the structure will be 15 meters. There are around 40 containers of 20 feet while eight are of 40 feet. While the 20-foot containers have a weight of around 2.5 tonnes, the 40-foot containers are 5 tonnes in weight," added Mittal, whose company also executed work during UP Global Investors Summit 2023 and Khelo India University Games 2022 in the state.

"The containers have been placed in such a way making several entry exit points on both the sides along with the main entrance with a seating capacity of over 2,400 guests.