

# CM launches 3,419 projects worth ₹11k cr

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**LUCKNOW** : Chief minister Yogi Adityanath on Tuesday inaugurated and laid the foundation stones for 3,419 projects worth over Rs 11,000 crore in Lucknow.

In an event held at the Indira Gandhi Pratishthan, the chief minister said that within the next five years, 40 per cent of the state's population would be residing in urban areas. He said that this event marked the largest unveiling of new projects by the urban development department, showcasing 'New UP of new India.' He further said that while focusing on development, the government also prioritises preserving heritage.

The mega launch of urban projects happened just days before the model code of conduct for the 2024 Lok Sabha polls kicks in. Over the next couple of days, the chief minister is expected to embark on a launch spree during his whirlwind tour of the state. For instance, in Unnao on Tuesday, Adityanath will inaugurate or lay the foundation stone for 103 projects worth Rs 241.6 crore, followed by visits to Farrukhabad and Bareilly to launch projects.

"This represents the new UP of new India, which focuses on



**CM Yogi Adityanath visits the exhibition before inaugurating and laying the foundation stone of projects worth ₹11,000 crore at Indira Gandhi Pratishthan on Tuesday**

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development, heritage preservation, employment and entrepreneurial opportunities, and also respects the sentiments of the common man," Adityanath said during the event.

"Earlier, people would refer to human beings as 'smart', but prime minister Narendra Modi has also made cities 'smart.' Our resolve of a developed India would be fulfilled when the whole of UP becomes a partner in assisting the fast-paced growth," Yogi said, elaborating on how urban growth has intensified since 2017.

"In 2017, 24 per cent of the population lived in urban areas, and now 30 per cent of the population resides there. Over the next five years, this urban popu-

lation is projected to reach 40 per cent in UP," he said. Showcasing BJP's continued focus on 'labarthi' (beneficiaries), he also felicitated beneficiaries of various government schemes.

Detailing the growing urban spread in UP, the CM mentioned the establishment of 112 new municipal bodies, three new municipal corporations, nagar palika parishads, and nagar panchayats. He emphasised that initiatives like the Smart City and AMRUT Mission are aimed at adding amenities to improve the lives of the common people and enhance the 'ease of living.'

Adityanath said that UP was the first state in the country to have linked all municipal corporations with the 'smart city' mis-

## Adityanath set to unveil more projects

**LUCKNOW** : Before the likely announcement of the model code of conduct for 2024 Lok Sabha polls, CM Yogi Adityanath would launch mega projects across the state.

On Wednesday, after launching/laying foundation stone of 3419 urban projects worth over Rs 11000 c, Adityanath will travel to Unnao, Farrukhabad and Bareilly where he is again expected to launch several projects.

In Unnao, Adityanath will unveil statue of freedom fighter Gulab Singh Lodhi before unveiling/laying the foundation stone of 103 pro-

sion. He also mentioned the installation of '16 lakh LED lights' by his government to ensure improved illumination in all municipal areas.

"These LED lights have resulted in reduced carbon emissions and electricity consumption. Municipalities are actively supporting the PM's vision of achieving minimum carbon emission goals aligned with the smart city mission," he added.

jects worth Rs 241.26 crore from Jawahar Navodaya Vidyalaya campus in Unnao. In Farrukhabad Adityanath would unveil 102 projects worth Rs 288.25 crore. In Bareilly, he would launch/unveil 64 development projects worth Rs 328.43 crore. Before he leaves Lucknow, Adityanath would disburse MSME sector loans worth Rs 30,826 crores at Lok Bhawan.

After Unnao, Adityanath is also likely to travel to Ambekarnagar, Ayodhya and Gonda on March 14 and Balrampur, Siddharthnagar and Gorakhpur on March 15. **HTC**

"More than Rs 3500 crore has been distributed to 15 lakh poor in the state, and another 56 lakh have received free houses under the PM Awaas scheme, another three crore people got toilets, and 15 crore people have benefited from the free ration facility, while 19 lakh vendors have been supported through the PM SVANidhi scheme," he added.

The CM said that UP was the

first state to initiate metro rail projects in six cities. "Varanasi is also introducing a ropeway facility, and there are similar plans for Shahjahanpur too. Electric bus fleets have become operational in many parts of the state," he added.

## Invest UP office inaugurated

CM Yogi Adityanath on Tuesday said his government had created a favourable environment for investors in Uttar Pradesh.

"Our government has adopted an investor-friendly approach, prioritizing a secure and conducive environment for businesses," said Yogi.

He was inaugurating the new office of the state's investment promotion and facilitation agency - 'Invest UP' at the PICUP Bhawan. He said the state government was committed to the safety and well-being of investors. This commitment was aimed at building trust and confidence among the investors, encouraging them to explore opportunities within the region.

On this occasion, Yogi distributed 'Letters of Comfort' to investors under industrial investment and employment promotion policies of 2022 and 2017, followed by unveiling of booklet on Udyami Mitra.