

UP has emerged as 'breakthrough' state, says Yogi

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The improved security and law enforcement in the state have reshaped perceptions about the state. The govt's decisions have yielded significant benefits. Kashi Vishwanath Dham, Ayodhya Dham, and Naimish Tirtha have been revitalized. Vindhyavasini Corridor has undergone a remarkable transformation, while Brijbhoomi is again captivating the world's attention. Events like Prayagraj Kumbh, development of religious places like Chitrakoot, and Shukrtirtha, along with systematic promotion of heritage and eco-tourism, have contributed to UP's turnaround, making it a preferred destination for tourists," the CM said.

Citing examples of Kashi, Ayodhya, Mathura, Prayagraj, and Gorakhpur, he said that hotels were fully booked, taxi services were in high



CM Yogi Adityanath inaugurated and laid foundation for 762 development projects

demand, markets were seeing exponential growth, and restaurants were bustling with activity.

"Today, the entire world is eager to explore the state. 'UP ab upadrav ki nahi, utsav ki bhoomi ban chuka hai' (the state has transformed into a land of celebration from a once-troubled region). What was once considered a state of chaos has now become a symbol of faith and prosperity under the

double-engine govt," Yogi said.

He said that UP was once labeled as a "breaker" in the country's development, but today it has emerged as a "breakthrough" state. "It is no longer considered a Bimaru state but has transformed into a revenue surplus state, attracting significant investment. The service sector, including establishment of quality hotels and restaurants, has played a pivotal role in this transformation," he said. He expressed confidence in the state's capacity to accommodate large gatherings of devotees, citing examples such as Kashi Vishwanath Dham and Vindhyavasini Dham.

The CM instructed officials to integrate CCTV cameras with AI tools to monitor tourist footfall at various destinations.

He emphasized the importance of development of forts in Bundelkhand from tourism perspective.

The CM directed department officials to create a digital tourist map and establish tourist desks at airports, railway stations, and bus stations.

"Next year, Prayagraj will host Kumbh Mela. The govt is diligently working to ensure that it surpasses the grandeur of the 2019 event. We have already initiated significant projects focused on enhancing cleanliness, orderliness, and safety during the Kumbh," Yogi said.

He said that Kukrail Night Safari would commence operations at the earliest.

Deputy CM Brajesh Pathak, tourism minister Jaiveer Singh, Lucknow mayor Sushma Kharkwal, MLAs Jai Devi, Amresh Kumar, Yogesh Shukla, Neeraj Vohra, chief secretary DS Mishra, and principal secretary, tourism and culture, Mukesh Meshram were present.