

Yogi: UP is first to connect municipal corporations with Smart City Mission

“When every citizen of the state participates in this progress, it reflects the commitment to PM Modi's vision of a 'Viksit Bharat'. Every Indian should be committed to making our country a developed India. People used to say that only humans are becoming smarter, but the Prime Minister has also made the cities 'smart,’” the CM added.

The CM also released the guidelines of the urban development department and honored the beneficiaries of various schemes and mentioned that it is the first time such a large-scale inauguration and foundation laying ceremony for projects by the department was taking place. He said that projects worth three times the budget of the Urban Development Department seven years ago are being inaugurated today in one go.

The Chief Minister informed that 112 new municipal bodies have been formed, including three new municipal corporations. Municipal Council and New Urban Panchayats have also been established, and their geographical areas expanded. Numerous schemes, including Smart City and AMRUT Mission, have been implemented, which are playing a significant role in achieving the goals of ease of living.

“With the support of the Centre, UP is progressing towards becoming a state of smart cities. Under the Smart City Mission, a total of 17 municipal corporations, including ten with Central government's support and seven under State Smart City Mission, are being developed as



CM Yogi Adityanath giving keys of houses constructed under the PMAY scheme to beneficiaries Munni Nishad and Maya Devi in Lucknow on Tuesday

Operationalise swachhata panels locally: UP CM

While lauding the efforts of the urban development department for improving the standards of cleanliness and road sweeping, CM Yogi Adityanath appealed to the elected corporators and officials of the ULBs to operationalise local committees which would supervise the cleaning works in localities and municipal wards. “Work as a team and spend 30 minutes to one hour on the field to check whether doorstep solid waste collection is taking place, sanitation workers are working efficiently and issues of the local residents are getting resolved,” said Yogi.

‘LED lights improve consistency’

In a changed scenario 16 lakh LED lights have been installed on the streets within the urban parts of the state. CM Yogi Adityanath said that earlier different kinds of lamps and lights were used but the white LED lights have emerged as the best option as they not only consume less electricity but also result in bringing down carbon emission generated through electricity consumption.

smart cities. Uttar Pradesh is the first state in the country which is connecting all the municipal corporations with the Smart City Mission,” CM Yogi added.

Sharing details about the department's progress over the past few years, urban development minister AK Sharma said that during 2012-13, the annual budget of the department used

to be close to Rs 4,200 crore, which during 2023-24 has increased to Rs 28,800 crore.

Officials said that as urbanisation is considered to be a stepping stone which induces economic activity and development in a city, from 2017 when the Yogi govt took over, 112 new urban local bodies have been constituted in the state, while boundaries and jurisdiction of several ex-

Department's achievements

Congratulating the urban development department for the hard work and dedication that was shown to make the consecration ceremony of Ram Lalla successful ahead of Jan 22, CM Yogi Adityanath asked the men to gear up to make the 2025 Maha Kumbh highly successful and plan in advance. Similarly, Yogi lauded the team of municipal officers who have bagged awards from the ministry of housing and urban affairs in the rankings.

Helping the poor and marginalised section

Through the urban development department, Rs 3,500 crore has been distributed to 15 lakh poor individuals, while 56 lakh individuals have received benefits of PMAY (houses), three crore individuals have got a toilet while 19 lakh street vendors are registered under the PM SVANidhi scheme.

isting ones have been expanded to include villages on the outskirts within the urban limits. Till 2017, the state had 650 ULBs.

The CM unveiled the standard operating procedures of five new schemes and initiatives that included CM GRID (green road infrastructure development) and Shakti Rasoi, among others. The CM fellows deputed by the department to work in the 100 most backward ULBs got tablets from Yogi during the event, while beneficiaries Munni Nishad and Maya Devi got keys of their houses constructed under the PMAY scheme.