

# Yogi moots craft clusters in UP cities; suggests tweaks in master plan 2031

## Keep 'Ease Of Living' As Top Priority: CM

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**Lucknow:** Chief Minister Yogi Adityanath, who reviewed the master plans-2031 of Saharanpur, Mirzapur, Banda, Basti, Amroha and Firozabad, on Monday said well planned, balanced and rapid development for enhanced 'ease of living' should be the top priority of the officials in every district.

Assessing the work being done on infrastructure and industrial development in these areas, the CM spoke about the need to develop craft clusters, like one for wood carving in Saharanpur, planned development in Amroha for where a masterplan is being prepared for the first time and inclu-



Chief Minister Yogi Adityanath at a meeting to review master plan

sion of the medical college and state university in Mirzapur's masterplan etc.

Paying special emphasis on traffic, the CM said that dedicated parking lots should be developed, no encroachment should be permitted and that instead of intersections, statues should be installed in parks.

"The objective of development authorities is to guide planned, balanced and rapid development. The focus should be on the convenience of

the common man. All development authorities will have to find new possibilities of income," the CM said.

Looking to improve the traffic situation in these cities, the CM said that collaborate efforts must be made to have efficient traffic management. Towards this end, the authorities must fix taxi and auto stands and street vendor zones. Land for this should be clearly identified in the master plan, he said, while suitable space for multilevel parking

should also be earmarked.

Saharanpur, the CM said, had witnessed a surge in economic activities and residential growth due to better connectivity and urban amenities for which well-planned provisions should be made in the master plan of Saharanpur for the development of industrial, commercial and residential activities. "Selecting a suitable site for a wood carving cluster in Saharanpur is crucial, ideally near the current woodcraft hub. It is also essential to allocate space for logistics and warehousing hubs. Authorities should devise an action plan for a new residential project to cater to the general public's needs," the CM said.

On Mirzapur, the CM said that the beautification of the Vindhyavasini Dham was taking place at a fast pace and it was necessary to incorporate the newly-established medical college and state university into the master plan. He sa-

id that looking at Mirzapur's future requirements, the scope of the development area of city must be further increased.

Banda, where development is also taking place at a fast pace the CM said, has seen the establishment of a sugar mill and a medical college. These too should be incorporated in the master plan, he said, to ensure a balanced and well-planned growth.

"A master plan is being prepared for Amroha for the first time. Here, activities like dholak, drums, cotton recycling, and bindi making are part of tradition. Measures should be taken to further support and facilitate these traditions. An industrial corridor is proposed in Banda and the master plan must incorporate it as well. Connect the Bundelkhand Expressway with it. There is a need to ensure that the general traffic is not affected by heavy traffic," the CM said.