

5 Ayodhya projects put on fast-track

Facilitation Centres To Come Up

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Ayodhya: Shifting its focus back on Ayodhya, the state govt fast-tracked delivery of five projects worth Rs 110 crore which would enrich the experience of tourists coming to the temple town.

Tourist facilitation centres are going to come up on the outskirts of the city to provide better transit and stay facilities to families visiting the city from the eastern UP and Gonda.

The facilitation centres would act as the booking and inquiry offices for tourists visiting the city for the first time. Two entrance gates in



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the city are also going to be constructed at the said locations. Funds have also been provided to install dynamic façade lights over the Saryu river bridge at Nayaghat.

Chief general manager of UP Projects Corporation Limited, an undertaking of the state govt which is getting the facilitation centres constructed, AK Singh said, "A budget of about Rs 20 crore has been provided to build the two tourist centres and land is being acquired for the two projects."

While one centre would

come up on the Lucknow-Basti-Gorakhpur national highway near the border of Ayodhya and Gonda districts, the second one would be constructed near the old Saryu river bridge along the Nayaghat (a locality in Ayodhya)-Nawagbanj route.

Moreover, the state govt has earmarked an additional amount of about Rs 80 crore to establish prominent entrance gates on the two routes as well to welcome the tourists to the temple town. The old Saryu bridge would also become a tourist hub with Rs 10 crore being set aside for installing dynamic façade lights on the bridge.

Situated close to Nayaghat the evening aarti is carried out near the old bridge every evening. Programmable LED lights having multiple tones are going to prepare the dynamic façade over the bridge.