

UP to set up housing devpt authority for Shahjahanpur

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Lucknow: The UP govt has decided to constitute a housing development authority to govern the further expansion and to foster planned development of Shahjahanpur.

Chief minister Yogi Adityanath, who is also the housing minister, held a meeting with senior officials of the department in Lucknow on Monday.

Pointing to increased industrial activity and output in and around Shahjahanpur, Yogi said that the population of the city has been growing steadily over the years. In fact, recently the housing department got a master plan made for the city covering its growth up to 2031.

Yogi directed the officials to start work on constituting a housing development authority to govern further

construction and development in the city. So far, 29 cities in UP are governed by development authorities and Shahjahanpur would be the 30th city to be governed through standardised building by-laws and regulations.

Earlier in April 2018, the UP govt had upgraded the Shahjahanpur nagar palika

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into nagar nigam to dole out better urban services to the residents of the city.

Meanwhile, Yogi also instructed the officials to fast-track delivery of projects and works to be executed under the PM jan vikas karyakram, a scheme designed to focus on development works within the minority concentration areas and directed officials to identify the govt buildings and structu-

res which are not being used presently due to various reasons. "Such buildings would be put to use after repairs or completion," said a senior officer.

The officials were also asked to avoid demarcating the abadi land within the acquired villages on the outskirts of the cities as green zone and to revise the building by-laws to boost the hospitality and tourism sector. Within residential areas and colonies, allowing hotels having six to 20 rooms could be considered if adequate land is available without causing congestion in the locality. However, adequate space for parking, security and fire safety measures would have to be provided and officials were asked to keep scrutinising existing commercial properties as well to discourage violations of norms.