## Grand plan to turn Firozabad into a township of the future Residential, Commercial Spaces, Solar Power

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Lucknow: Led by Chief Minister Yogi Adityanath, UP govt is developing a 'Futuristic Township' in Firozabad, the renowned glass city of the country.

The township will be established in Transportnagar and Pachwan localities of the city and would comprise residential blocks, tourist centres, hospitality and commercial activities, thereby catalysing economic growth of the city as well as state.

Meticulous preparations are underway, including selection of a project management agency for designing, planning and executing the project. The Firozabad-Shikohabad development authority has initiated the process and is seeking applications from interested private players to develop the township.

As per the plan, the township will accommodate the floating population visiting Firozabad and will have space for star hotels and hospitality projects, guest houses and residential colonies to cater to local population with a view to upgrading their homes. Commercial zones, open and green spaces, ponds and waterbodies, cottage industries, warehouses and other social amenities would be provided within the same layout.

With an integrated development concept, the township will focus on residential, hospitality, institutional and commercial facilities, fostering a stress-free environment. Provisions are also being made to establish centres of excellence to nurture innovation and serve as catalyst for development of western UP.

The township will be built on a sustainable model, prioritising pollution-free, noise-free, and stress-free environment and as a self-sufficient, holistic community in harmony with nature's principles.

The township design will be based on the urban concept to ensure all essential facilities were accessible within 5 minutes. Schools, healthcare centres, postal services, security, police patrolling, e-facility centers and sports clubs would also be developed.

Additionally, two dedicated lanes will be constructed along both sides of main roads in the township to promote use of electronic vehicles. Fast-charging stations for electric rickshaws and vehicles will be installed, alongside facilities for non-motorised transport, including cycle lanes and parking areas.

The township will incorporate both blue and green infrastructure, with green spaces designed around landscape and heritage themes and connected to ponds and other water sources. In addition to multi-level car parking and centres of excellence, the township will be a solar-powered and zero-waste community.

The initial project is to cover 28 hectares with potential for expansion based on future needs. The project management agency will be responsible for tasks such as conducting topographical surveys in the selected area.