

'UP has vast potential for religious tourism, to give boost to local eco'

CM Stresses On Safety & Infra Devpt

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Lucknow: Uttar Pradesh has vast potential for religious tourism, especially in key centres like Ayodhya, Mathura-Vrindavan, Kashi and Prayagraj and influx of tourists will boost local economy, chief minister Yogi Adityanath said.

In Mathura to celebrate Janmashtami on Monday, the CM said: "Over the past seven years, religious centres have undergone significant transformation, leading to an unprecedented increase in tourist footfall. UP has vast potential for religious tourism in key centres like Ayodhya, Mathura-Vrindavan, Kashi and Prayagraj. The surge in visitors is set to boost the local economy."

He added that Prayagraj Maha Kumbh was scheduled for 2025 in which lakhs of devotees would participate. Visitors would also visit Mathura-Vrindavan, therefore, top-notch services should be ensured for devotees, the CM said. He said that it was the govt's responsibility to ensure safety of tourists and di-



SEEKING KRISHNA'S BLESSINGS: CM Yogi Adityanath poses for a selfie with a boy dressed as Lord Krishna in Gorakhpur

rected the officials to ensure that best facilities were provided to devotees in Mathura-Vrindavan. He also asked the officials to expedite works under the Safe City project and said that patrolling through bikes and PRVs should be intensified.

Regarding Sri Banke Bihari Temple Corridor, Yogi said that discussions would take place with all relevant stakeholders and reassured the public that no one would be displaced as a result of the corridor. Focusing on safety in Mathura-Vrindavan, the CM held a meeting with local public representatives and administration officials and said that everyone's faith should be respected, and security should be increased on 'parikrama' route and highways. Calling for an enhanced Integrated Traffic Management System with the installation of additional CCTV ca-

meras and continuous police presence in sensitive and crowded areas, the CM also called for special focus on the quality of roads. "All dama-

CM Yogi performs rituals of Krishna Janmotsav at Gorakhnath temple

Gorakhpur: The Janmashtami festival was celebrated at Gorakhnath temple on Monday. Gorakshapeethadhiswar and CM Yogi Adityanath arrived in Gorakhpur around 8:30pm to participate in the festivities. He offered prayers to Guru Gorakhnath and paid his respects at the samadhi of his Guru Mahant Avaidyanath. At midnight, he performed rituals for Shri Krishna Janmotsav in the temple's sanctum sanctorum. Amid bhajans, the CM carried the infant form of Lord Krishna, Laddu Gopal, out of the sanctum and placed the deity in a flower-adorned cradle. **TNN**

ged roads must be repaired. Roads affected due to the ongoing work of Jal Jeevan Mission or Amrit Yojana should be repaired," he said.

He said that cleanliness should be maintained on Parikrama Marg, and door-to-door garbage collection should be made more effective.