

Gorakhpur a dream destination for edu, health, investment: Yogi

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GORAKHPUR : Chief minister Yogi Adityanath on Saturday stated that Gorakhpur has become a crucial hub for three crore people of eastern Uttar Pradesh, which borders Bihar and Nepal.

Welcoming Vice President Jagdeep Dhankhar at the inauguration ceremony of the Sainik School, Gorakhpur, Adityanath remarked, "Today, Gorakhpur is making significant strides in the development journey of New India, inspired and guided by Prime Minister Narendra Modi. Gorakhpur has emerged as a dream destination for education, health, and investment."

Congratulating the vice president and his wife, Sudesh Dhankhar, on behalf of the state and the people of Gorakhpur, the chief minister expressed his joy at the vice president's first visit to the city. He emphasized that the establishment of Sainik School serves the sacred purpose of shaping future generations and

marking an important milestone for eastern Uttar Pradesh.

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He highlighted the fact that the first Sainik School in the country was established in Lucknow in 1960 by the then chief minister Sampurnanand.

Turning the spotlight on Gorakhpur's historical and cultural significance, Adityanath remarked,

"Gorakhpur has been an important place since ancient times. It is the revered site of Mahayogi Guru Gorakhnath and a global center for publishing Sanatan literature through Gita Press. During the First War of Independence in 1857, Gorakhpur played a crucial role in challenging British rule under the leadership of Shaheed Bandhu Singh."

He noted that the historic Chauri Chaura incident in 1922 invigorated the struggle for



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Underlining Gorakhpur's abundance of natural resources, the chief minister stated, "When we consider Gorakhpur's central location, we find that Kushinagar, where Mahatma Buddha attained Mahaparinirvana, is just 50 km away. Lumbini, Buddha's birthplace, is 90 km from here, and Maghar, where Sant Kabir attained Parinirvana, is 25 km away. Ayodhya, the birthplace

of Lord Shri Ram, is 175 km from Gorakhpur, while the city of Baba Vishwanath, Kashi, is 225 km away."

Adityanath said the site where the Sainik School now stands was once home to a fertilizer factory complex that had been shut down.

He stated, "With its reopening, it has become a crucial hub for boosting agricultural productivity, reducing farming costs, and generating new livelihood opportunities."

He noted that the health campaign is gaining momentum, with AIIMS and BRD Medical College in Gorakhpur setting new records in medicine.

Sugarcane farmers are benefiting unexpectedly from the sugar mills, and the development of state-of-the-art infrastructure, including expressways and multi-lane roads, is shaping a unique identity for Gorakhpur and Uttar Pradesh, he said.

He also said that the Sainik School in Gorakhpur was completed in just three years at a cost of Rs 176 crore.