

# Govt to launch projects for tourism devt in Chitrakoot

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**Lucknow:** In a bid to transform Uttar Pradesh into an “excellent state” and propel it towards becoming a trillion-dollar economy, the Yogi Adityanath govt is gearing up to bring development projects to upgrade amenities for tourists in Chitrakoot district of Bundelkhand.

The famous Ramghat tourist spot in Chitrakoot will undergo beautification, development, and widening with a budget of Rs 18.3 crore. “The project aims to create an example of cultural and urban transformation while preserving the spiritual and historical significance of the site, believed to be location where Goswami Tulsidas had his vision to portray the life of Ram,” a govt spokesperson said.

“In addition to Ramghat, the govt has also initiated projects to enhance tourist facilities near Kalinjar Fort in Banda, as well as parking and



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tourist amenities near Salt Fort in Mahoba. The tourist facilitation centre will be completed with Rs 7 crore, while the work near Kalinjar Fort in Banda will require an investment of Rs 3.83 crore,” he said.

The development of parking and tourist facilities near Salt Fort in Mahoba will be completed within nine months with expenses worth Rs 4 crore. The Somnath Temple in Char and the Pata-

leshwar Temple in Hamirpur are set to benefit from tourism development drive.

“The responsibility for executing all these construction and development works has been assigned to Uttar Pradesh Project Corporation Limited. With completion of these projects, Chitrakoot division is expected to become a hub for spiritual and cultural tourism, attracting visitors from across the country and the world,” he said.