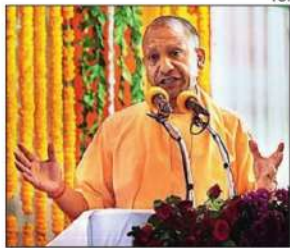


‘Kashi under PM set benchmarks in health, edu’

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CM Yogi addressing the event

Lucknow/Varanasi: Chief Minister Yogi Adityanath on Sunday participated in the inauguration ceremony of the second branch of Sankara Eye Foundation Hospital in Varanasi, where 80% of the patients are provided free of cost eye care services. PM Modi also graced the event attended by Shankaracharya of Kanchi Kamakoti Peeth, Jagadguru Shankar Vijayendra Saraswati.

Speaking at the event, Yogi said that efforts of Sankara Foundation need to be lauded as eye patients from various parts of the country are being treated here free of cost since 1977 under the inspiration of the revered Shankaracharya.

Operating under the guidance of the Kanchi Kamakoti Medical Trust, 80% of the patients are provided eye care services at no cost while leveraging paid services to the 20% patients. Yogi praised the foundation's journey from

Kanchipuram to Kashi and for bringing light into people's lives.

Yogi highlighted that under PM Modi's leadership, Kashi has not only witnessed new forms of development over the past 10 years but has also set new benchmarks in the fields of education and health. "The land of Baba Vishwanath has seen the addition of new projects in development and service, with health sector projects worth Rs 2,500 crore being delivered. Kashi is equipped with state-of-the-art healthcare facilities such as Pandit Madan Mohan Malavi-

ya Cancer Hospital, Homi Bhabha Cancer Hospital, a 430-bed super specialty hospital within BHU, a 100-bed model maternal and child health wing at Sir Sunder Lal Hospital and a 150-bed super specialty block at ESIC Hospital," Yogi said.

UP CM emphasised that the inauguration of the new eye hospital would be an excellent addition to the healthcare

facilities in Varanasi. As a major health hub, it will play a crucial role in meeting the needs of the large population of eastern UP and Bihar. The completion and makeover of various hospitals in the city along with the completion of a 100-bed maternity wing at the Kabirchaura district women hospital, has helped in reaching out to increased population in the region. Yogi noted

that remarkable work has been done in the health sector across UP over the past 10 years.

"The decision to establish a medical college in every district, availability of dialysis unit and CT scan facility and over 15,000 Ayushman Arogya Mandirs have provided excellent healthcare and traditional medicine services to rural areas," said Yogi.