

# Vet colleges in Gorakhpur, Bhadohi to boost milk production

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**Lucknow:** Work has started on two veterinary colleges in Gorakhpur's Tal Naudaur area and in Bhadohi. These institutions will work towards breed improvement, boost milk production and benefit cattle farmers across Uttar Pradesh, Bihar and Nepal.

Purvanchal, once home to plenty of livestock, saw a decline in both the number and

quality of animals due to widespread malnutrition. This was revealed by an early study conducted by UP livestock development board. Malnutrition not only impacted health and productivity of animals, but also reduced milk production and contributed to infertility, the report said.

As part of its plan to address these issues, the state govt decided to set up two veterinary colleges in Purvan-

chal. In addition to this, govt launched a campaign to free pasture land from encroachment. This will ensure adequate grazing areas, improve animal health and boost milk production. UP is already the top milk-producing state in the country, contributing 16% to the country's total output.

Both colleges have been af-

filiated with Pandit Deen Dayal Upadhyaya Pashu Chikitsa Vigyan Vishwavidyalaya Evam Go-Anusandhan Sansthan in Mathura. In Gorakhpur, an 80-acre land parcel on Gorakhpur-Varanasi highway has been earmarked for the college, with the first phase of construction estimated at Rs 228 crore. Govt allocated

Rs 100 crore for the project in the current budget. It will feature a hospital block, academic block, staff quarters and hostels. Govt has plans of upgrading this institution to a university in the future.

For the veterinary college in Bhadohi, a 15-acre site spanning the villages of Jorai and Vedpur has been identified, with Rs 50 crore allocated in the Feb 2024 state budget for its construction. A govt spo-

kesperson said that experts from the veterinary university in Mathura inspected and approved the project site.

This college will include academic buildings, laboratories and hostels on 10 acres, while a block-level court complex will occupy the remaining five acres. Necessary approvals have already been secured, including an NOC from the higher education department, the official added.

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