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# UPSCR project to be rolled out this year

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**LUCKNOW:** Neighbouring districts of the state capital will no longer lag behind on development index as the Yogi government is all set to give a big push to urban development in the region by rolling out its ambitious Uttar Pradesh State Capital Region (UPSCR) project this year.

Modelled on the lines of the National Capital Region (NCR), the SCR will comprise six districts, including Lucknow, Hardoi, Sitapur, Unnao, Rae Bareli and Barabanki with a total area of 27,826 sq km.

The much-awaited project is likely to be rolled out in the first quarter of the new financial year after the state government makes budgetary allocations for it in the finance bill 2025-26. Earlier, HT reported about the project on July 20 last year.

According to the 2011 census, Lucknow, with an area of 2528 sq km, has a population of 45,89,838. The adjoining Bara-

## MEMBERS OF UPSCR

- CM: Chairman
- Chief secy: vice-chairman
- CEO: Additional CS, housing and urban planning dept
- Ex-officio members: Additional CS of finance, law, revenue, planning, urban development, industrial and infrastructure development, Namami Gange, PWD, tourism, forest, rural development, panchayati raj, agriculture, irrigation and transport departments
- Div commissioners of Lucknow, Ayodhya
- DMs of Lucknow, Hardoi, Sitapur, Unnao, Rae Bareli and Barabanki
- Vice -chairman of Lucknow, Unnao-Shuklaganj and Rae Bareli development authorities

## CHIEF TOWN PLANNER

- Maximum five urban planning experts
- MD of UP Metro Rail Corporation
- Representatives of railways and defence nominated by the Centre.
- CEO nominated by the state government

banki district spread over 4402 sq km has a population of 32,60,699.

The government has also planned better connectivity between these cities by rolling out the Rapid Rail Transit System (RRTS). The Delhi-Ghaziabad-Meerut RRTS model will be implemented in the SCR.

According to urban development minister AK Sharma, the project will be rolled out this year and will be implemented on a priority basis. Experts are of the opinion that the SCR will not only ensure overall development in the region but will also check migration of people to Lucknow from adjoining districts.