

# Yogi hails Budget as visionary step towards developed India

## ‘Has Initiatives For All Sections Of Society’

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Chief Minister Yogi Adityanath

**Lucknow:** Hailing the Union Budget announced by Finance Minister Nirmala Sitharaman on Saturday as a “milestone in achieving the vision of a developed India,” Chief Minister Yogi Adityanath thanked Prime Minister Narendra Modi and the FM for the “visionary” document, which he said would “set the nation on a fast track towards becoming a USD 5 trillion economy.”

The chief minister highlighted that the Budget includes significant provisions to strengthen India’s economy and improve the lives of common citizens. “This Budget introduces several initiatives for every section of society, parti-

cularly the poor, youth, and women, ensuring their aspirations are met. Special focus has been given to agriculture, health, education, employment, and social welfare,” he said. Discussing the Budget’s impact on Uttar Pradesh, the CM said that the state stands to gain significantly from the healthcare initiatives, particularly the plan to establish day-care cancer centers in all district hospitals over the next three years.

“The establishment of Centres of Excellence in Skilling and AI for Education will directly benefit the youth by enhancing their employabili-

ty in emerging sectors. The Pradhan Mantri Dhan-Dhanya Yojana will support nearly 1.7 crore farmers across the country, with UP emerging as the scheme’s biggest beneficiary. Additionally, increasing the Kisan Credit Card loan limit from Rs 3 lakh to Rs 5 lakh will further empower farmers,” he said.

The chief minister emphasised that the budget would empower the poor, youth, farmers, and women, driving India toward self-reliance and development. Under PM Modi’s leadership, India is growing at the fastest rate among major global economies, and this budget will further accelerate that growth. He also pointed out provisions for interest-free loans to states for infrastructure development.

Welcoming the new direct tax provisions, Yogi said they would provide significant relief to the middle class. “The provision of loans of up to Rs 5 lakh for farmers, fishermen,

and those engaged in fisheries and dairy farming, along with access to low-interest loans for farmers, the launch of a cotton production mission, a strong focus on boosting vegetable and fruit cultivation, and the introduction of the Anganwadi 2.0 programme, will significantly benefit the poor, farmers, and women,” he said.

Elaborating on the Budget’s inclusivity, the chief minister said that it prioritises the welfare of all sections of society, especially those at the grassroots level. As an example, he cited the proposal to provide term loans of up to Rs 2 crore to Rs 5 lakh women, Scheduled Castes, and Scheduled Tribes over the next five years.

Highlighting key provisions aimed at transforming education and healthcare, the chief minister welcomed the initiative to establish 50,000 Atal Tinkering Labs in govt schools over the next five years.