

From IT to healthcare, Adityanath showcases state's UPswing

CM lays foundation stone for Microsoft India Development Center in Noida, inaugurates MAQ Software's AI Engineering Center

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LUCKNOW/GAUTAM BUDDHA NAGAR: Chief minister Yogi Adityanath on Saturday laid the foundation for the Microsoft India Development Centre in Sector-145, Noida. Calling it a landmark moment for the IT sector in Noida and North India, he said that Microsoft's investment reinforces Uttar Pradesh's position as a top investment destination.

The chief minister also inaugurated the AI Engineering Centre of MAQ Software.

Speaking on the occasion, he remarked: "I am told that Microsoft's India Development Centre will be its largest research and development (R&D) hub outside its headquarters. With this new campus, Uttar Pradesh is set to become Microsoft's next major base after Hyderabad."

Extending his best wishes to Microsoft CEO and chairman Satya Nadella and his team, the chief minister praised the company's strong presence in North India. He stated that the new center, spread across 15 acres, will further establish Microsoft's stronghold in both Uttar Pradesh and North India.

He emphasised that Uttar Pradesh leads in electronic component production, contributing 55% nationwide.

Yogi inaugurates Sify Data Center

Chief minister Yogi Adityanath inaugurated the Sify Data Center in Gautam Buddha Nagar's Sector 132 on Saturday. Addressing the inauguration and launch ceremony, Adityanath mentioned that the state's policies are being shaped in line with the demands of the modern era, the needs of the youth, and the evolving global landscape through research



Chief minister Yogi Adityanath at the foundation laying ceremony of the Microsoft India Development Centre in Gautam Buddha Nagar on Saturday

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'U.P. sets 22,000 mw solar power generation target'

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LUCKNOW/GAUTAM BUDDHA NAGAR: Chief minister Yogi Adityanath on Saturday said that Uttar Pradesh has set an ambitious target of producing 22,000 megawatts (mw) of solar energy and is moving forward with various plans and programmes to achieve it.

The CM laid the founda-

tion stone for Avaada Group's 5 GW integrated solar manufacturing unit in Gautam Buddha Nagar.

He also inaugurated the company's 1.5 GW solar module manufacturing unit.

Addressing a gathering at the event, he said, "This is a significant step towards realising Prime Minister Narendra Modi's vision of achieving net-zero carbon emissions by 2070."

and development.

Inaugurating the data center, the chief minister also unveiled an image of Tirupati Balaji while listening to the hymns of Venkateshwara Swami. Adityanath commended Sify's efforts in strengthening the state's digital infrastructure.

'Gautam Buddha Nagar emerging as hub of health tourism'

The chief minister said Gautam Buddha Nagar is emerging fast as a hub of health tourism. During his day-long visit, he

inaugurated the newly developed Sharda Care-Health City in Greater Noida, praising it as a unique blend of service and investment.

He appreciated the private sector's contribution, noting that the government has taken several steps to encourage investment in the health sector.

He also highlighted Sharda University as an important centre for education and health and stated that health tourism is a significant sector—with Gautam Buddha Nagar emerging as a major hub.

Yogi defends Sambhal cop's remarks

NEW DELHI: The CM supported the remarks of a Sambhal police officer that while Friday prayers take place every week, Holi comes once a year. Adityanath said the official may have spoken as a "pehelwan", but what the Arjuna awardee said was correct. Speaking at a conclave, the CM thanked religious leaders for deciding to hold Friday namaz after 2 pm.

Speaking at the event, he also rejected allegations that his government tried to hide deaths in the Mahakumbh stampede, saying the priority was to help the injured and ensure people who had taken a holy dip on Mauni Amavasya left the Sangam area easily. He said that once the administration took care of the injured and ensured the pilgrim rush had eased, it briefed the media. Thirty pilgrims had died in the Jan 29 stampede. **PTI**