

'Industrial township to make Bundelkhand economic hub'

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CHIEF MINISTER Yogi Adityanath on Tuesday announced the establishment of the Bundelkhand Industrial Development Authority (BIDA), covering 56,000 acres between Jhansi and Kanpur. "This will be India's largest industrial township, making Bundelkhand a global economic hub," said Adityanath.

In his address at a credit camp under the CM Yuva scheme for Jhansi and Chitrakoot divisions, he said investors had already started showing interest, with 2,000 acres

in Lalitpur allocated for a pharmaceutical park. "Lalitpur also has a medical college, and soon, Jhansi will have a world-class convention centre for public events, exhibitions, and investor meets," he added.

The CM said Bundelkhand, once plagued by water shortages, is now undergoing rapid progress. "Every household will soon have piped drinking water under the 'Har Ghar Nal' scheme, and irrigation projects are ensuring water reaches every farm," he said.

He urged people to resist any attempt to revive mafia rule in the region.

"Do not allow those who oppressed the poor, harassed traders, and endangered women's



Chief Minister Yogi Adityanath during the inauguration of the newly constructed Smart City Hospital in Jhansi on Tuesday. PTI

safety to return. The government stands with you in ensuring justice and security," he asserted.

Adityanath announced an increase of Rs 150 per quintal in the Minimum Support Price (MSP) for wheat and the launch of affordable food canteens named after Mata Shabari in every mandi. "These canteens will provide tea and meals at low prices for farmers," he said.

He also highlighted plans to build hostels for working women under the Mata Ahilyabai scheme and ensure that backward communities, previously deprived of government benefits, are now included. "We have allocated funds in the state budget to connect every poor household with government welfare schemes," he added.

