

UP saw creation of 125 new towns

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Lucknow: The UP govt has created 125 new towns over the past eight years, having constituted urban local bodies to provide improved services to the local population.

Setting forth its agenda to participate in the eight-year-long celebrations of the UP govt, the urban development department has directed the officials heading the local bodies to organise fairs and events to showcase the initiatives and programmes being run and the benefits they are passing on to the local population. Principal secretary of

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the department, Amrit Abhijat said that presently 21 schemes to strengthen urban services, infrastructure and social sectors are being run. "A lot of schemes such as Kanha gaushalas, Vandan, Matrabhumi Arpan Yojana, Deen Dayal Upadhyay Adarsh Nagar Panchayat and State Smart City Mission are some initiatives in-

directly helping the local population," said Abhijat.

The celebrations, along with the local community and events, would be broadly categorised into half-a-dozen categories, including women empowerment, youth welfare, a safe and secure business environment, upliftment of the underprivileged, promotion of ODOP products and local culture.

The local bodies have been asked to honour and award the local personalities and talented youths who have excelled in literature, arts, music, academics and other fields.