

# UP becoming a medical tourism hub: CM Yogi

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**Lucknow/Gautam Budh Nagar:** While inaugurating the Gautam Budh Nagar-based 'Sharda Care-Health City', chief minister Yogi Adityanath said that UP was emerging as a hub of medical tourism, with Noida as an important centre.

"Medical tourism is a rapidly growing sector, and India is playing the lead role. Gautam Budh Nagar has many major corporate hospitals, and it has begun tapping patients coming to India for medical needs," the CM said in his inaugural address. He also recalled the Covid period and said that when there was disorder in Delhi, people came to Meerut, Ghaziabad, Bulandshahr and Shamli for treatment.

The CM noted that the role of the private sector was crucial for further rise. Lauding the quality of infrastructure at Sharda Health City, the CM said: "Good health facilities, along with quality education, are essential for a



Uttar Pradesh Chief Minister Yogi Adityanath greets BJP national president JP Nadda in New Delhi on Saturday

civilized society. That is why the world is looking towards us now." Appreciating the contribution of the private sector, the CM mentioned that the govt has taken several steps to encourage investment in the health sector.

Highlighting the progress in the health sector over the past decade, the CM said: "While only six AIIMS were established in the country over 70 years, India got 22 in the past decade under PM Narendra Modi's leadership." Talking about UP, he said: "Until 2017, UP had only 12 medical colleges, whereas in the past eight ye-

ars, 40 new medical colleges have been built. Additionally, 37 new medical colleges have been established in the private sector, and three new colleges (Maharajganj, Sambhal and Shamli) have been set up under the PPP model."

He said that in the near future, medical colleges will also be built in Ballia and Balrampur, with budget provisions made for them. Subsequently, medical colleges will be established in the remaining six districts as well. He said that UP has two AIIMS (Gorakhpur and Raebareli) and BHU's IMS. Free dialysis, CT scan and MRI facilities have been made available in every district. Efforts have been made to ensure better doctors and technical staff are available in rural areas. Every Sunday, a 'Chief minister arogya mela' is organised at primary health centres to provide information about health schemes.

Yogi said that UP has issued the highest number of Ayushman Bharat Golden Cards in the country.