

U.P. saw more dev in 8 yrs than in 70 yrs before that: Adityanath

Previous govt's 'one dist, one mafia' replaced with 'one dist, one medical college': Chief minister

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GORAKHPUR: Marking eight years of the BJP-led government in the state, chief minister Yogi Adityanath on Tuesday that his government ensured more development of Uttar Pradesh in the last eight years than achieved in 70 years before that.

"Earlier, the state lagged in development, youth struggled with an identity crisis, and unemployment and hunger drove people to despair. Women and traders felt unsafe. Today, UP is self-reliant...executing major development projects, making it one of the country's leading states," Adityanath said addressing a massive gathering at Mahant Digvijay Nath Park after inaugurating a three-day exhibition, 'Utkarsh ke Aath Varsh' (eight years of excellence), showcasing public welfare schemes of the central and UP governments. The CM credited the state's progress to the visionary leadership of Prime



CM Yogi Adityanath at the inaugural ceremony of a seminar on 'Contribution of Yogiraj Baba Gambharnath in the Indian Yoga Tradition', at DDU Gorakhpur University on Tuesday. ANI

Minister Narendra Modi. He said his government replaced the previous administration's policy of "one district, one mafia" with "one district, one medical college", bringing a significant transformation in the lives of people across Uttar Pradesh.

He emphasized on his government's crackdown on crime, saying mafia groups controlled districts, land grabbing was rampant, and businesses operated under fear before 2017.

"We uprooted the mafia and replaced it with progressive initiatives like One District, One Product (ODOP) and One Dis-

trict, One Medical College, ensuring economic growth, employment, and world-class infrastructure," said Adityanath.

On the occasion, the Adityanath distributed motorised tri-cycles to 50 differently-abled individuals and flagged off a tri-cycle rally.

He also handed out Ayushman cards and loan approval certificates under the CM Youth Scheme.

The CM pointed out that before 2017, UP lagged behind in 45 central government schemes, but today, it ranks first or among the top two states in their implementation.

Yogi outlines key police reforms bolstering law, order

GORAKHPUR: Chief minister Yogi Adityanath outlined key police reforms aimed at strengthening law and order in UP, highlighting the establishment of seven police commissionerates, deployment of senior officers at zonal and range levels, and improvements in district-level police infrastructure.

Interacting with the media in Gorakhpur on completing eight years in office, he noted that over 2.12 lakh police personnel had been recruited, with 1.56 lakh officers already serving and more than 60,000 newly recruited personnel undergoing training.

He said the state witnessed a significant transformation, ensuring a safe and conducive environment for every citizen. Adityanath emphasised that this ongoing transformation was a fulfilment of the commitment made in 2017. Recalling BJP's promises to the people, the CM

said security, dignity and unbiased access to government schemes were pledged, and these promises had been fulfilled without any discrimination.

Addressing law enforcement enhancements, the CM stressed the revival of the PAC, which had earlier been discontinued. Known for its effectiveness in handling riots and maintaining order, the PAC had been reinstated and restructured. Special forces such as the Special Security Force and the State Disaster Response Force were also established, he said, adding that the fire department introduced hydraulic tenders for rapid response, and new forensic laboratories and a forensic institute were set up to improve crime investigation. Yogi reaffirmed the government's commitment to maintaining a safe, secure, and progressive Uttar Pradesh, ensuring that every individual feels protected. HTC