

Govt: Kanpur, 8 nearby districts to get Integrated Development Authority

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EVEN AS Special Economic Zones (SEZs) planned on the lines of those in Delhi-NCR are still in the pipeline, the Uttar Pradesh government is set to establish Kanpur Region Integrated Development Authority (KRIDA) to develop Kanpur and its eight neighbouring districts on the same lines "to meet future urban and industrial needs".

Kanpur, one of the state's oldest and key industrial cities, would be at the heart of this transformation, officials said on Monday. The Kanpur Development Authority (KDA) has started the process of preparing a Geographic Information System (GIS)-based Master Plan-2051. This plan would guide long-term develop-

ment while ensuring systematic urban growth and improved quality of life, officials said.

A major focus is the establishment of the Kanpur Region Integrated Development Authority (KRIDA), which will oversee development across an expansive area of 20,094 square kilometers encompassing Kanpur city and countryside, along with Banda, Hamirpur, Fatehpur, Jalaun, Auraiya, and Kannauj districts. The authority will implement integrated policies promoting ease of living and industrial progress.

Kanpur and its surrounding areas have long suffered from imbalanced urbanisation. The government is leveraging the Uttar Pradesh State Capital Region and Other Area Development Authority Act, 2024, to promote coordinated and balanced urban development, officials said.

