

# Include pvt operators in city e-bus services: Yogi

CM for enforcement of ban on illegal hoardings across state, wants electronic display boards installed instead

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**LUCKNOW:** Chief minister Yogi Adityanath on Wednesday directed officials to include private operators in city e-bus services, ensuring regulated fares, designated parking spots and defined routes. He emphasised that connecting nearby towns to city transport networks would greatly benefit the public.

Reviewing urban development projects, Yogi called for a complete ban on illegal hoardings across the state and instructed that electronic display boards be installed instead.

He also stressed that no advertisement should distort the image of any national icon or personality.

As urban parking was identified as a growing challenge, the CM called for a structured parking system based on demand, location, and time, with uniform charges and monthly passes for employees and shopkeepers.

Strict action must be taken to prevent illegal parking fees, he said.

Highlighting the success of Prayagraj's Shivalik Park, made from recycled materials, the chief minister announced the development of a "Krishna Lok" Park in Mathura-Vrindavan, and a "Luv-Kush Park" and "Shri Purushottam Darshan Experience Centre" in Ayodhya.

These parks will showcase the lives of Lord Krishna, Lord Ram, and Luv-Kush through 3D interactive exhibits and light-and-sound shows, making them key tourist and spiritual attractions.

He also announced that municipal bonds for Prayagraj and Varanasi will be issued this month following the lead of Lucknow, Agra, and Ghaziabad. Gorakhpur, Kanpur, and Meerut municipal corporations are also preparing to



**Chief minister Yogi Adityanath**

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launch their bonds within the financial year.

The chief minister directed that municipal bodies in all district headquarters be upgraded into "smart municipalities," with digital governance, pollution monitoring, smart lighting, smart parking, vending zones, digital libraries, and renewable energy projects.

A detailed action plan has been budgeted for and will be implemented with healthy competition among the municipalities.

## **OTHER KEY DIRECTIVES**

Phasing out diesel/CNG buses older than 15 years and replacing them with electric buses.

Ensuring permanent solutions to the increasing problem of street dog bites through Animal Birth Control Programmes.

Addressing staff shortages in municipal bodies through immediate recruitment or outsourcing.

## **KEY URBAN DEVELOPMENT INITIATIVES**

- **City E-Bus Services:** Private operators to be included in the city e-bus services, ensuring regulated fares, designated parking spots, and defined routes.

- **Urban Planning and Cleanliness:** A complete ban on illegal hoardings will be enforced, with electronic display boards to replace them.

- **Parks and Tourism Development:** New parks, such as the "Krishna Lok" Park in Mathura-Vrindavan, the "Luv-Kush Park" and "Shri Purushottam Darshan Experience Centre" in Ayodhya, will be developed. These parks will feature 3D interactive exhibits and light-and-sound shows depicting the lives of Lord Krishna, Lord Ram, and Luv-Kush.

Improving drainage systems before the monsoon to prevent waterlogging, including the construction of new drains where necessary.