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He instructed that construction materials such as cement and steel should preferably be sourced from manufacturing units within Uttar Pradesh, provided they meet quality standards.

Yogi further directed officials to ensure that while preparing the annual work plan, all districts and assembly constituencies of UP benefit equally, so that no region is left behind in development. He mentioned that before starting any project, its usefulness, possible impact, and effect on the local population must be properly studied.

Considering the increasing traffic pressure in urban areas, the CM said there should be special focus on building bypasses, ring roads, and flyovers.

Talking about rural connectivity, he said that funds from village, block, and district-level panchayats should be utilised to provide better roads in villages as well. Yogi urged officials to provide a new bridge over the Ganga river in Prayagraj connecting Salori and Jhunsi and a proposed rail-cum-road bridge close to the Malviya Bridge in Varanasi.

Highlighting the need for regular monitoring of under-construction projects. Yogi said that accountability must be fixed in case of any delays, and there should be no compromise with technical quality. Priority is being given to the religious sites that receive more than five lakh visitors annually. A total of 272 roads connecting these important religious places have been selected for strengthening, widening. and development.

In addition, 33 key projects have been included in the action plan to strengthen the connectivity of industrial and logistics parks. Through these projects, industrial units will be linked to national and state highways, which will further enhance the industrial landscape of the state and boost economic growth.