

With UP's progress, India will set new benchmarks of devpt: Prez

'Empowerment Begins With Education'

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Gorakhpur: President Droupadi Murmu on Monday said that when the state with the highest population progresses rapidly, India will set new benchmarks of growth.

Inaugurating the academic building, auditorium and Panchakarma Centre at Mahayogi Gorakhnath University in Gorakhpur, she said that education is the most powerful medium of empowerment.

"Health and safety of eastern UP are directly linked to the overall development of Uttar Pradesh. When the state with the highest population progresses rapidly, India will set new benchmarks of growth. All stakeholders should contribute with determination towards building a developed India," the President said.

She said that the girls' hostel project was a significant initiative for women's empowerment, adding that safe accommodation was a major fac-



President Droupadi Murmu, accompanied by Governor Anandiben Patel and CM Yogi Adityanath, visits an exhibition during the inauguration of Mahayogi Guru Gorakhnath AYUSH University, in Gorakhpur on Tuesday

tor in enabling women to pursue higher education.

Lauding the efforts of the Maharana Pratap Shiksha Parishad, she said that institutions inspired by Maharana Pratap embodied the spirit of "Nation First." "Maharana Pratap's sacrifice and courage for national pride continue to inspire generations," she said.

She urged those associated with the Gorakshapeeth and the Maharana Pratap Shiksha Parishad, especially the youth, to serve society with deep respect for education and India's cultural heritage.

The President highlighted the growing relevance of Panchakarma therapy in treating complex health conditions. "The new centre will enable more people to benefit from this ancient Ayurvedic pro-

cess," she said.

Sharing her own journey, President Murmu said she travelled 300 km from her village to Bhubaneswar in 1970-71 to continue her education. "Back then, no girl from my village had studied outside. I got a place in a girls' hostel in Bhubaneswar. Today, while much has changed, many girls still face hurdles in pursuing higher education due to lack of secure accommodation," she said.

Calling Mahayogi Gorakhnath University the first private institution contributing significantly to higher education in Gorakhpur and surrounding areas, the President praised its efforts in aligning with the National Education Policy 2020.

President Murmu noted that her predecessor, Ram

Launch 'One Village, One Medicinal Plant' campaign: Govt to farmers

Gorakhpur: Speaking at the inauguration of Mahayogi Guru Gorakhnath AYUSH University, the first AYUSH university of Uttar Pradesh, Governor Anandiben Patel called on farmers to initiate 'One Village, One Medicinal Plant' campaign to boost herbal farming and rural income.

The Governor emphasized that the newly launched university would serve as a major centre for Ayurveda in Purvanchal. She encouraged farmers in villages surrounding the campus to cultivate specific medicinal plants, noting that different villages could specialize in different herbs, promoting diversity and ensuring better marketability. Such efforts, she said, would not only generate economic benefits but also contribute to the production of sa-

fe, side effect-free medicines.

Stressing the importance of inclusive healthcare, the Governor called for Ayurvedic and homeopathic treatments to reach all sections of society. She proposed leveraging Anganwadi centres as distribution points for herbal remedies, with the active participation of doctors, social workers, and public representatives. "Despite advancements in modern medicine, we must ask whether every individual truly has access to healthcare," she noted.

Hailing the swift development of MGUG, the Governor said the institution has emerged as a powerful confluence of education, healthcare, and public service. She termed the progress as 'a source of inspiration for the entire nation.' TNN

Nath Kovind, had inaugurated the university four years ago, and since then it has shown impressive progress. "This institution has become a prominent centre for higher

and professional education in eastern UP," she said, crediting the development to the guidance and leadership of Chancellor and UP CM Yogi Adityanath.