Eye on mega outreach, UP govt plans meets in foreign shores, Indian cities

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s part of the mega public outreach to collect feedback for the preparation of Viksit UP-2047 Vision Document, the state govt, through various organisations, will conduct meetings globally and within India.

Multiple events have been planned for cities across the United States, the United Kingdom, Dubai, and the Netherlands. In India, at least three or four meetings are likely to connect with the UP diaspora and seek their suggestions for the Vision Document.

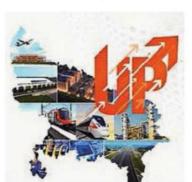
Pankaj Jaiswal, president of the UP Diaspora Forum, said that at least two programmes had been planned in the United Kingdom – one in Cambridge and the other in Swindon. One event was recently held in London. "The UP diaspora is very excited about this programme as this is the first time that the govt is reaching out to them for development-related issues. For giving even one suggestion on the portal, each participant is being issued a certificate as well," he said.

Jaiswal added that two major events were planned to be held before Oct 5 by when the planning department of the UP govt will start the compilation of feedback for the Vision Document.

"The two major events that are coming up are in Mumbai and Dubai. These are likely to be held in Oct, before Oct 5. We are expecting massive participation from the UP diaspora in both these events," he said.

Smaller meetings are planned to be held in the United States and the Netherlands. In India, one meeting will also be held in Ahmedabad and another possibly in Vapi, which hosts a large number of people from Uttar Pradesh.

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By Tuesday, around 5 lakh suggestions were received by the planning department. Around 4 lakh of these are from rural areas. The highest participation is from the age group of 31 to 60 years.

Suggestions have come in on education, health, agriculture, urban and rural development, IT and industry. Among various suggestions that have been received include the establishment of a computer museum in UP.

Ashutosh Patel from Ballia has proposed the provision of high-speed internet and universal digital IDs in every village and town.

Akanksha from Varanasi proposed the improvement of lighting and design of public spaces and enhancing CCTV networks.

So far, over 2 lakh suggestions have been received from Firozabad, Basti, Jaunpur, Kanpur Nagar, Kanpur Dehat, Gorakhpur, Saharanpur, Shamli, Etah, Meerut, Farrukhabad, Mainpuri, Maharajganj, and Prayagraj.

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