

# Viksit UP-2047 aims for urban transformation with five goals

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## Air connectivity is a key part of Viksit UP plan

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**Lucknow:** The Viksit UP-2047 vision document lays out an elaborate plan to transform Uttar Pradesh into a largely urban state, featuring several smart cities, universal access to clean drinking water and pucca houses, modern public transport, and metro services.

The document outlines five strategic short-term targets for 2030. These include achieving 35% urbanisation, creating three new regional economic zones, ensuring 100% access to drinking water, sanitation, electricity, and pucca houses, as well as achieving complete sewage treatment and scientific waste disposal in AMRUT cities.

Over the next 22 years, the govt aims to urbanise UP to the extent that 60% of its population lives in cities. It also plans to develop 10 cities into globally competitive metros, including Lucknow, Kanpur, Varanasi, Prayagraj, Agra, Noida, Ghaziabad, Meerut, Bareilly, and Gorakhpur and at least three of which are targeted to rank among the world's top 50 most liveable cities. "Special priority is being given to modernising sewerage

**Lucknow:** Air connectivity will be a key focus of the state govt to make Uttar Pradesh 'viksit' by 2047. To position the state as a major aviation hub in the next 22 years, the vision document for Viksit UP-2047 aims to establish one international airport in each of the 18 divisions.

In addition to the 'One Division, One International Airport' programme, every district will be connected through a network of expressways, and by 2047, the govt proposes to make UP an international aviation powerhouse.

"Over the next 22 years, UP will see the development of green, smart highways, air cargo hubs, regional airstrips, heliports, and a modern aviation ecosystem.

and waste management systems. The govt aims to establish scientifically advanced sewage treatment in all cities for the effective disposal of wastewater. A robust solid waste management mechanism is being developed to ensure systematic collection, recycling, and safe disposal. These initiatives will not only make cities



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With better air connectivity, the state will be transformed into a logistics powerhouse. This will not only increase passenger convenience but will also play a crucial role in making UP a centre for global investment and industrial growth," said a govt spokesperson.

The official added that before 2017, air connectivity in the state was limited. Most districts were cut off from the air network, and

cleaner and healthier but also guarantee environmental sustainability and safeguard public health," said a govt spokesperson.

He added that Chief Minister Yogi Adityanath's vision of urban development goes beyond building infrastructure and focuses on enhancing the quality

air access for industrial and rural areas was almost negligible, affecting both investment and development.

Since BJP came to office in 2017, the govt managed to make 16 domestic airports operational in the state, while five new airports are under construction. In addition to this, four international airports were developed.

The underconstruction Noida International Airport is set to rank among the largest and most advanced airports in Asia, the official added. "It will be a game-changer, not only for passengers but also as a major cargo and transit hub. A Maintenance, Repair, and Overhaul centre is also being established there, giving the state a new identity on the global aviation map," he said.

of life. As per his roadmap, Uttar Pradesh will not only emerge as India's most developed state by 2047 but also serve as a global model of sustainable and inclusive urbanisation.

Over the past eight years, 117 new urban local bodies have been created in the state while 123 have been expanded.