## CM Yogi launches 'Mission Shakti 5.0' to boost women's safety, dignity and self-reliance in UP

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Uttar Pradesh Chief Minister Yogi Adityanath inaugurated the ambitious "Mission Shakti 5.0" campaign, dedicated to women's safety, dignity, and self-reliance, here on Saturday.

Addressing the gathering, he said: "While daughters were once unsafe, today they are confidently forging their own path." Emphasising that women's respect remains his government's top priority, he highlighted the unprecedented transformation in the status of women in Uttar Pradesh since 2017. He remarked: "When the government's

intentions are clear, schemes naturally find their way."

On this occasion, the chief ministeralso launched Mission Shakti Centres in all 1,647 police stations across the state by pressing a button. He released the centres' SOP manuals, informational booklets, and the Sashakt Nari, Samradh Pradesh folder. Ministers and officials from all districts joined this historic moment via video conferencing.

Expressing his pride at the launch of the campaign's fifth phase, CM Yogi recalled that when Mission Shakti began in 2020, many were uncertain about its scope, theme, and impact. However, with its

focus on women's safety, dignity, and self-reliance, the campaign has since achieved remarkable results. "Mission Shakti has shown women the path to safety, respect, and independence, and today its positive outcomes are visible everywhere," he said.

Highlighting women's growing representation in the police force, the Chief Minister noted that since independence, Uttar Pradesh had only 10,000 women police personnel. But since 2017, this number has risen to over 44,000.

He added that 20 per cent women's participation is now mandatory in every recruitment, with timely training ensured. In the recent recruitment of 60,200 police personnel, more than 12,000 women joined and are currently undergoing training. He also underlined the success of "Mission Rojgar," pointing out that the police training capacity, which stood at just 3,000 before 2017, has now expanded to over 60,000.

CM Yogi further said that women's recruitment is being encouraged across education and other departments as well.

Training, once a major hurdle, has now become a strong pillar of empowerment, with over 60,200 police personnel receiving training in the state alone.