## Eco-friendly steps for PM Mitra park

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Lucknow: UP govt officials on Wednesday said draft layout was ready for PM Mitra Park, coming up in Lucknow and Hardoi districts, to benefit industries and locals. Officials said the project sough to balance industrial progress with ecological preservation. According to the draft layout plan,

55% land of the park will be allocated

for industrial units, while 11% area will be dedicated to greenery and horticulture, with green areas, green belts and buffer zones.

"The initiative is expected to reduce pollution while also helping to preserve local biodiversity, ensuring that industrial growth remains in harmony with the environment," they said. Officials added that prioritising water conservation, 2% of the land would be set aside for drainage systems and

water reservoirs, while 0.5% will be reserved for recreational spaces, ensuring the park supported environmental sustainability and community well-being.

Of the remaining land, 3% was earmarked for residential use, 4% for institutional purposes, 2% for transport hubs, and another 4% for utilities and amenities. Officials said about

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13% of the total area would be utilised for

the construction of new roads. This includes 0.1% of the land for upgrading and strengthening existing roads.

Officials also said use of eco-friendly construction materials, energy-efficient designs, rainwater harvesting, solar power and e-waste management systems had also been integrated into development of the park. "UP aims not only to become 'India's Growth Engine' but also to emerge as a model Green State," said officials.