

'Develop airport, stn & logistics park in BIDA'

B'Khand Devpt Must For UP's Growth: CM

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CM Yogi Adityanath addressing a review meeting on Wednesday

Lucknow: Chief Minister Yogi Adityanath on Wednesday directed for the development of an airport, railway station, and multimodal logistics park in the Bundelkhand Industrial Development Authority (BIDA) area, setting the tone for a major infrastructure push in one of Uttar Pradesh's under-developed regions. At a review meeting, CM said Bundelkhand's transformation into an industrial hub was critical to Uttar Pradesh's broader growth story. He asked officials to connect the Bundelkhand Expressway to BIDA through a link expressway and for extending the Agra-Gwalior Greenfield Expressway to Jhansi/BIDA, while also seeking progress on the fourth Delhi-Chennai railway line. "Bundelkhand will no longer symbolise backwardness but progress," Yogi said, calling the BIDA project the "growth engine of UP's industrial development".

He asked officials to complete land acquisition within

six months and deploy additional registry and revenue staff within a week. He also set a 15-day deadline for posting engineers, town planners, and architects, stressing that speed and transparency were vital to winning investor confidence.

"Improved connectivity will position BIDA as a key logistics and manufacturing node. Officials should work with NHAI to explore extending the Agra-Gwalior Greenfield Expressway up to Jhansi, and plan the Delhi-Nagpur Industrial Corridor node in region," he said. To boost logistics efficiency, a multimodal logistics park has been proposed within BIDA, with supporting facilities such as truck terminal, bus depot and IT park.

Officials informed the CM

that a total area of 56,662 acres has been earmarked for BIDA, with 22,028 acres already acquired. To ensure transparency, the authority developed a special software platform that digitises the entire process from farmer consent to payment. A dedicated call centre will also be operational next month to assist landowners. The Chief Minister praised the move, saying such systems would "build trust among farmers and investors alike" and encourage faster industrial investment. The Master Plan 2045 for BIDA received Board approval, covering 253.33 sq km of planned development.

CM directed internal roads, sewage and drainage networks, stormwater systems, solid waste management, and power distribution infrastructure be executed without compromise on quality. Emphasising need for an investor-friendly climate, Yogi said, "Transparent land acquisition and timely infrastructure delivery will instill confidence among industries and open vast employment opportunities for Bundelkhand's youth."