

Lucknow: A heritage city in the fast lane of development

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Lucknow, a city known for its culture, food, history, nazakat, nafasat, delicate chikankari, havelis, and more, holds a pride of place among its residents. Despite holding on to its deep-rooted past, Lucknow has not allowed itself to be defined only by its rich legacy but has established its place as the capital of a fast-developing state. It evolved with time to allow its past to sit comfortably with its present.

The city has completed 250 years as the capital of Awadh and was recently recognised by Unesco as a Creative City of Gastronomy for its rich and vibrant food heritage, only the second city in India after Hyderabad to receive this title. Honouring Lucknow's timeless traditions and its firm march towards a better future, The Times of India is organising a Development Conclave, 'Capital Cool @250 years: From Tradition to Tech', where it will bring together experts to talk about Lucknow's fascinating journey over the centuries.

Deputy chief minister

Brajesh Pathak will be the chief guest at the event, to be held at the Taj Hotel in Gomtinagar on Nov 18. The event will span five sessions and look at Lucknow's Nawabi history, its food culture, and its development

ting Timeless Lucknow'. The speakers in this round will include Abha Singh, lawyer at Bombay high court and social worker, Prof Sushil Pandey, faculty history at BBAU, Kanak Rekha Chauhan, founder of the Lucknow Expressions Society, and Fizza Beg, vice-president of the NS Associates Pvt Ltd.

In the second panel, speakers will talk about the plan for Lucknow's future growth. Speakers in this session will include representatives from the UP govt, including Lucknow DM Vishak G, Neha Jain, special secretary IT&E, Prathmesh Kumar, LDA vice-chairman, and Sushil Kumar, MD, UP Metro Rail Corporation Ltd.

The final panel will see a lively discussion on Lucknow's recently acquired City of Gastronomy title. The session chair for this panel will be principal secretary, tourism and culture, Amrit Abhijat while other speakers will include Pankaj Bhadouria, Master Chef and author, Gaurav Vishal, faculty, Institute of Hotel Management, Shamim Qureshi, Sous Chef at The Taj, and Priyank Srivastava, food vlogger, Lucknowi Sa-farkhana.



as a world-class city.

The first session that will set the agenda for the day will be addressed by the deputy CM. This will be followed by a fireside chat with Lucknow mayor Sushma Kharakwal, who will share her experiences of governing the city of Nawabs. Next in line will be three panel discussions of 45 minutes each.

The first panel discussion will be centred on 'Celebra-