

UP to play pivotal role in developed India 2047: Min

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Lucknow: Urban development minister **Arvind Kumar Sharma** on Saturday said Uttar Pradesh has the potential and determination to become the strongest pillar of Viksit Bharat by 2047.



He was speaking at the day-long programme, themed "Viksit Uttar Pradesh for Viksit Bharat

2047" organised by the urban development department. The event brought together policymakers and civic leaders to shape a bold, sustainable and inclusive urban roadmap for the state's cities over the next two decades. Sharma highlighted the continuous positive

changes already underway in urban areas, from upgraded basic facilities and improved air quality to excellence in cleanliness and security.

He emphasized the collective responsibility to build a strong Uttar Pradesh under Prime Minister Narendra Modi and Chief Minister Yogi Adityanath, whose leadership is rapidly guiding the state toward its 2047 goals.

Highlighting ongoing urban improvements, Sharma identified "man, machine, and management" as the triad for integrated development. He said accelerating urban development is crucial to turning Uttar Pradesh into a "magnet of investment," noting the state's decisive role in the national economy due to its vast population. Principal secretary P Guru

Prasad underscored the urgency of planned urbanisation, noting that 75% of India's GDP originates from urban areas. Other officials elaborated on new building bylaws, master plans and long-term objectives.

The primary goal of the event was to formulate a strong, sustainable and future-ready urban roadmap. Experts and policymakers held sessions on smart infrastructure, urban mobility, affordable housing and e-governance.

The gathering, which included mayors, NITI Aayog representatives and international experts, concluded with a commitment to align the state's cities with the national development vision, ensuring they are equipped with modern technology and sustainable models for the future.