

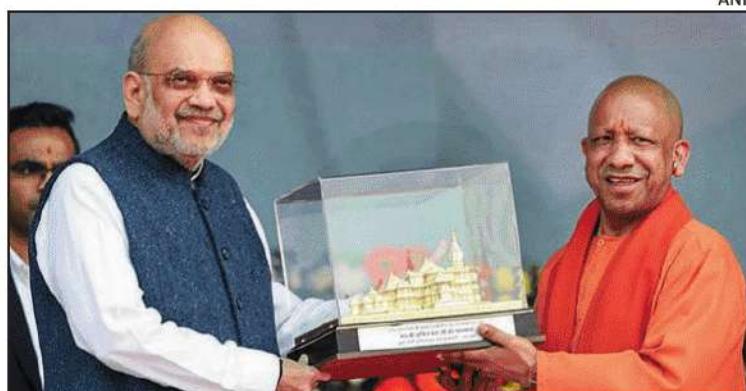
On UP foundation day, Modi & Shah hail state for its economic progress

‘Family-Driven Parties Made It Bimaru State’

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Lucknow: Home minister Amit Shah Saturday urged the people of Uttar Pradesh to rise above caste-based politics and reject what he termed were “nepotism-driven” parties such as Congress, Samajwadi Party and BSP, calling upon voters to help BJP register another thumping victory in the 2027 UP assembly elections, on the lines of its successes in 2017, 2019 and 2022.

Addressing a gathering on UP Foundation Day at the Rashtra Prerna Sthal, Shah



Amit Shah being felicitated by UP CM Adityanath in Lucknow on Saturday

said “family-driven” opposition parties could never work in the interest of the state. Accusing previous Congress and Samajwadi Party govt of pushing UP into the category of a ‘BIMARU’ state, the Union minister praised the Yogi Adityanath-led BJP govt for transforming UP into a “breakthrough state”.

“When India celebrates 100 years of Independence in 2047, UP will be a fully developed state,” Shah asserted. “There was a time when UP was known as a ‘labour source’ state. Today, it is the fourth-largest state economy in the country,” he said.

Extending greetings on ‘UP Diwas’, PM Narendra

Modi said it was heartening to see the state emerging as a prime example of balancing development with heritage. In a message to Adityanath, Modi said, “UP has been consistently driving the nation’s growth through its strength and talent... The progress of UP will give new momentum to the development of the entire country.”

“Uttar Pradesh was also a fertile ground for the freedom movement. The state was the birthplace and workplace of icons such as Rani Lakshmi Bai, Jhalkaribai, Begum Hazrat Mahal, Mangal Pandey, Ram Prasad Bismil, Chandrashekhar Azad and Ashfaqullah Khan,” he said, adding, “Today, the state is rapidly moving towards becoming a trillion-dollar economy.”