

# UP 1st among states on compliance index, launches phase-two reforms

**Govt Worked Hard For This Feat, Says CM**

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**Lucknow:** Having been ranked first among states under the first phase of compliance reduction, the state govt has identified nine themes, 23 priority areas and five optional priority areas on which reforms are being implemented under phase two of the programme.

At a review meeting chaired by Chief Minister Yogi Adityanath, he was informed that the cabinet secretariat in Jan had declared UP as the best state in the country in



Chief Minister Yogi Adityanath during a review meet

compliance reduction phase-I. The CM said that govt had to work towards providing trust-based, transparent and time-bound administration to citizens by providing relief from unnecessary procedures, permissions and inspections.

Addressing reforms related to land use, the CM was informed that work was being done to simplify complex permissions like change in land use, with special focus on eliminating the need for separate permission in cases of land use as per master plan in planned areas and simplifying the land conversion process in

unplanned areas as well.

For the construction sector, govt is working to bring processes like map approval, layout approval and completion certificate on a risk-based system where relief will be provided to common citizens and builders by allowing self-certification.

It was outlined that processes of different departments are being brought on an integrated digital platform with clear timelines so

that industries and institutions do not have to make repeated rounds of different offices.

In the energy sector, the department is giving priority to online and auto-approval systems while simplifying the process of electricity connection, load enhancement and other technical permissions. In environmental permissions, a trust-based approach is being adopted by eliminating "unnecessary clear-

ances" for low-risk activities, and ensuring time-bound processes while maintaining balance with environmental protection in high-risk cases.

The meeting also discussed reforms related to tourism, education and health sectors. The CM was informed that investment and expansion of services are being encouraged by simplifying permissions related to tourism projects, educational institutions and health servi-

ces, so that employment opportunities increase and citizens get better facilities.

"Under phase-II, number of inspections are being reduced, old and irrelevant rules are being eliminated and all processes are being completely digitized and time-bound. Along with this, clear responsibility for reforms is being fixed for each department so that accountability can be ensured," said a govt spokesperson.