

DOUBLE ENGINE OF BJP HAS TRANSFORMED UP FROM 'BIMARU': SHAH

# PM Modi: Uttar Pradesh has always accelerated nation's development

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**LUCKNOW:** Top leaders congratulated the people of Uttar Pradesh on its foundation day, highlighting the state's transformation, cultural legacy and development trajectory, with President Droupadi Murmu expressing confidence in its continued progress.

Prime Minister Narendra Modi, who represents Varanasi in the Lok Sabha, said the state had emerged as an outstanding example where development goes hand in hand with heritage. Through its strength and talent, Uttar Pradesh has always accelerated the nation's development, he said.

The United Provinces was rechristened Uttar Pradesh on January 24, 1950, shedding its colonial legacy. The day is now celebrated as Uttar Pradesh Diwas.

Addressing a state-level cel-



Union Home minister Amit Shah, Uttar Pradesh Chief Minister Yogi Adityanath, Deputy CMs Keshav Prasad Maurya and Brajesh Pathak during the 'Uttar Pradesh Diwas', in Lucknow, Saturday

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ebration event at the Rashtra Prerna Sthal in the state capital, Union Home minister Amit Shah said the "double-engine government" of the BJP has transformed Uttar Pradesh from 'BIMARU', a reference to poor economic and demographic indicators, to a "break-through state" and asserted that improved governance and

law and order had unlocked its growth potential.

He appealed to people to back the BJP in the 2027 Assembly elections, linking the party's return to power with continued development and national security. On the occasion, Chief Minister Yogi Adityanath announced fresh initiatives focused on employ-

ment and livelihoods, including a new youth-centric jobs programme aimed at aligning skills with opportunities.

Building on the success of the 'One District, One Product' initiative, the 'One District, One Cuisine' scheme was launched to take local delicacies to national and international markets.

## Highlights

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PM Modi wrote a letter to Adityanath, extending greetings to the people of the state on the occasion. The chief minister shared on social media and also read it out at the Rashtra Prerna Sthal event.

In it, the prime minister noted his personal bond with UP and said the state had emerged as an outstanding example where development goes hand in hand with heritage. "I am a Member of Parliament from Kashi, and it is the people of UP who elected me and sent me to the Lok Sabha; therefore, this day becomes even more special for me."

"There is something special in the soil of UP," the PM wrote, adding that through its strength and talent, the state has accelerated the nation's development. Modi said he was happy that UP is becoming "an excellent example of the mantra of development as well as heritage".