

# UP driving economic growth in country: CM

**'Has Biggest Portfolio Of Infra Projects'**

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Chief Minister Yogi Adityanath addresses a press conference, in Lucknow on Tuesday

**Lucknow:** Introducing the PRAGATI (pro-active governance and timely implementation) portal on Tuesday, chief minister Yogi Adityanath said that UP is in the leading position in the country when it comes to executing big-ticket infrastructure projects.

With 330 crucial projects being executed with a budget of Rs 10.48 lakh crore, UP has the biggest portfolio of the ongoing infrastructure projects in the country at present.

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Conceptualised for the first time by Prime Minister Narendra Modi during his tenure as chief minister of Gujarat as early as 2003, the portal was institutionalised and strengthened further to include the status of high-value projects being undertaken across the country in 2024.

"The portal shifted administrative work from being file-oriented to outcome-oriented, accelerating decision-making through close coordination among the various stakeholders," he said.

Nationally, the portal was instrumental in expediting the pace of work of 377 major projects worth over Rs 86 lakh crore.

Having the country's first

rapid rail, UP has the largest railway network, metro services with strong air connectivity. The state is home to the highest number of expressways, inland waterways and the only ropeway project that was established for commuting in a city (Varanasi), said Yogi, highlighting the important projects that are widely benefitting the public.

Out of the 330 projects, 128 were completed and commissioned, while the remaining ones are in various stages of completion.

He stated that the PRAGATI model played a pivotal role in positioning Uttar Pradesh as a leading state in the sectors of railways, highways and logistics. In today's competitive environment, delays in projects, MOUs or statutory approvals can drive investors to other states.

"PRAGATI provided a powerful mechanism to ensure projects are completed within stipulated timelines, compressing processes that

once took years into months and those that took months into days," he said.

Yogi further added that 65 major projects worth Rs 4.19 lakh crore are currently being monitored through the

portal, out of which 26 were commissioned while 39 projects are in various stages.

Out of the 515 issues that were flagged, 96% were resolved so far, a scenario which showcases the growing accountability and transparency being achieved.

Summing up, Yogi said that from being a facilitator, UP is shaping up as an accelerator driving economic growth in the country.