

UP-IMRAS FOR CLINICAL TRIAL LAUNCHED

UP to emerge as healthcare hub for north India, says Adityanath

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UTTAR PRADESH is set to emerge as India's largest healthcare and medical technology hub, catering not only to its 25 crore population but also to the healthcare needs of over 35 crore people across the country and neighbouring states, stated Chief Minister Yogi Adityanath while inaugurating the Health Tech Conclave 1.0 in Lucknow on Sunday.

Adityanath informed that the state will soon have a Medical Device Park in Yamuna Authority region and a Bulk Drug Pharma Park in Lalitpur, as they are being developed at "war footing level". He said that these two projects would mark a rapid shift from 'Make in India' to 'Make for the World'.

The CM inaugurated the UP-IMRAS digital platform to streamline approvals for clinical trials and medical research.

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IMRAS (Integrated Medical Research Application System) software is an advanced integrated digital platform "developed to simplify, streamline, and bring transparency to research related to clinical trials, pharmaceuticals, and medical devices".

The platform would enable researchers to submit all the proposals, applications, and permissions online, while the entire process of review, approval, and monitoring by the Institutional Ethics Committee (IEC) will also be conducted digitally.

The CM also released a book containing Standard Operating Procedures (SOPs) for the Institutional Ethics Committee on the occasion, having detailed the "SOPs for 22 distinct procedures, ensuring uniformity, ethical compliance, and quality across clinical trials and related research processes".

"This initiative represents the first organised effort of its kind not only in Uttar Pradesh but globally, marking a signifi-

cant step toward strengthening the state's international standing in medical research and health technology," claimed the official.

Adityanath said that the state has undergone a historic transformation in the health sector in the past eight-and-a-half years with the number of medical colleges in Uttar Pradesh having increased from 40 before 2017 to 81 fully functional institutions, along with two AIIMS, over 100 district hospitals, hundreds of CHCs and PHCs, and an extensive network of health and wellness centres, ensuring accessible healthcare even in remote areas.

Highlighting welfare initiatives undertaken by the state, the CM said Ayushman Golden Cards have been issued to 5.5 crore families, providing free treatment up to Rs 5 lakh per family, while uncovered families are supported through the Mukhyamantri Jan Arogya Yojana.

Deputy Chief Minister Brajesh Pathak also attended the event.

