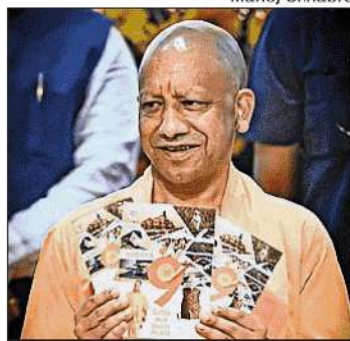


25 crore of UP people 'one family', benefits reach all without bias: Yogi

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Detailing efforts towards women empowerment, the CM said that more than 1.1 crore women associated with self-help groups are working as entrepreneurs. Various schemes launched for girls and women include Mahila Udyami scheme, Beti Bachao Beti Padhao, Mukhyamantri Kanya Sumangala Yojana and Samuhik Vivah Yojana, under which five lakh girls have been married till now.

"Govt will provide scooters to meritorious girls pursuing graduation and post-graduation. The Mission Shakti programme is being run to ensure the safety, dignity and self-reliance of girls. Employment and self-employment opportunities are also being provided to talented youth. We are provid-



CM Yogi Adityanath releasing the book 'Nav Nirman Ke 9 Varsh' on Wednesday

ing an annual pension of Rs 12,000 to more than 1.06 crore families and will be raising this amount soon," the CM announced.

The CM said that more than three crore jobs had been created in the MSME sector, and more than 65 lakh jobs have been generated through large investments. Under the CM Yuva Udyami Vikas Abhiyan, more than

1.3 lakh persons had been able to start their own projects.

Highlighting steps taken in the education sector, Yogi said that school infrastructure was being improved under Operation Kayakalp while the Sanskrit language was being promoted by providing scholarships in all classes. Atal residential schools had been set up in each division for children of labourers, and composite schools were being established in all districts. The govt was also providing over 1.6 crore schoolchildren with uniforms and books. He asserted that the dropout rate in schools had reduced since the govt provided students with toilets and drinking water facilities.

Calling the 25 crore people of UP members of 'one family', Yogi said that bene-

fits of welfare schemes reached all beneficiaries without discrimination. For the first time, he said, tribal and marginalised communities such as Musahar, Vantangiya, Tharu, Sahariya and Buxa were enjoying the benefits of govt schemes and had received land ownership rights, housing, tap water supply, electricity, ration cards and healthcare services. "Whether it is Dalits, deprived, poor or backward communities, the govt has ensured that all receive the benefits of its schemes. Through initiatives like housing, toilets, ration cards, Ayushman cards, livelihood missions and milk producer programmes, development is reaching the last person in society, bringing a transformative change and shaping a new image of the state," he said.

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