

'UP saw transformation as an infrastructure-oriented state'

UP in 'new era' of law & order, cites peaceful festivals, policing reforms: CM

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LUCKNOW: Chief minister Yogi Adityanath said Uttar Pradesh has seen development and transformation as an infrastructure-oriented state over the past nine years, and Prime Minister Narendra Modi has been invited to inaugurate the Noida International Airport at Jewar on March 28. "We have invited the PM to inaugurate it on March 28. Jewar airport will boost economic growth...", said Adityanath while highlighting achievements of his government in the past nine years at a special programme at Lok Bhawan here on Wednesday.

UP's position has gone up from bottom three to the position among the top three states now. In order to take these achievements to the people, a nine-day programme based on nine themes is being organised, starting from Chaitra Navratri, said the CM.

"The objective is to make it a subject of public discussion and ensure participation by all sections of society, including youths, farmers, workers, women and the poor. Through dialogue, not only will the achievements of the past nine years be shared, but a road-map for future development will also be outlined," he added. Adityanath said number 9 is considered auspicious and symbolises completeness, and this initiative is a step in that direction.

He also released a booklet titled 'Nav Nirman Ke 9 Varsh' on the occasion. The state's top leaders, including union minister of state for finance Pankaj Chaudhary, UP BJP general secretary (organisation) Dharampal, deputy CMs Keshav Prasad Maurya and Brajesh Pathak and others attended the special programme.

"Sixteen airports are operational in the state, including four international airports. The fifth international airport at Jewar, which is now ready for inauguration, will be the largest in the country," said the CM. He said UP had the largest railway network in the country while Metro services were operational in seven cities - Lucknow, Kanpur, Agra, Noida, Greater Noida,

Ghaziabad and Meerut.

The country's first rapid rail had started between Meerut and Delhi and the first ropeway in India is being built in Varanasi. The first inland waterway in India (Varanasi to Haldia) is also in UP, he added.

Highlighting infrastructure, Adityanath said 55% of the country's expressways were in UP, rising to 60% after completion of the Ganga Expressway.

The CM said UP had emerged as a major investment destination, with projects worth Rs 15 lakh crore grounded and Rs 6 lakh crore in the pipeline, backed by a "zero tolerance" policy towards crime and corruption. Over 31,000 large industries were set up and the state had 96 lakh MSME units, he added.

"Neither women, traders, nor common citizens felt safe earlier. UP has now entered a new era in the field of law and order. Earlier, during festivals, there used to be an atmosphere of fear, tension, riots and curfews. Now, festivals like Navratri and Ramzan

are being celebrated together peacefully and harmoniously," he emphasised.

The CM said several forensic science labs (FSL), a State Forensic Institute and the Special Security Force (SSF) had been established.

He said for the first time, three women battalions were formed in the PAC, named after brave women warriors - Uda Devi Pasi, Jhalkari Bai and Avanti Bai Lodhi. Statues of these 'women warriors' were also being installed, symbolising respect for women power and tradition, he added.

He said the police commissionerate system was implemented in seven districts, making law and order more effective in urban areas while cyber police stations had been established in every district, along with cyber help desks in each police station. The State Disaster Response Force (SDRF) was strengthened and modern technology was being widely adopted to improve crime control and monitoring systems, said the CM.

"UP's agricultural growth rate has increased from 8.5% to 18%. The government provided relief to farmers by reducing mandi fees from 2.5-3% earlier to just 1% now. Under the PM Kisan Samman Nidhi, about ₹99,000 crore has been transferred directly into the accounts of farmers in UP," said Adityanath.



CM Yogi Adityanath with deputy CMs Brajesh Pathak and Keshav Prasad Maurya at the function marking completion of nine years of his government, at Lok Bhawan.

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UP SCHOOLS NOW OFFERING WORLD-CLASS FACILITIES: CM

LUCKNOW: Children from economically weaker families in Uttar Pradesh are now gaining access to schools with improved, near world-class infrastructure, chief minister Yogi Adityanath said on Wednesday, highlighting the state government's push to transform the education sector.

Speaking at Lok Bhawan while releasing a book titled 'Nav Nirman Ke 9 Varsh', the chief minister said initiatives such as Operation Kayakalp, along with efforts to promote Sanskrit education, have marked the beginning of a new chapter of prosperity in the state. "Along with this, a new lodging and meal scheme for students studying Sanskrit will further enhance the state's progress," he added.

Pointing out that Atal Residential Schools have emerged as a model for inclusive and quality education, Yogi said that on similar lines,

the government is expanding Chief Minister Composite Schools across districts in a phased manner.

"In the first phase, two schools per district were established last year, and preparations are underway to establish two more this year. The visible transformation is the result of planned and effective implementation," the chief minister said, highlighting education as the foundation of good governance. **HTC**



SP WON'T RETURN TO POWER EVEN BY 2047: DY CM MAURYA

LUCKNOW: Deputy chief minister Keshav Prasad Maurya on Wednesday said the BJP would score a largest-ever victory in 2027 assembly elections in UP. Targeting the Samajwadi Party for its alleged misrule, he said when this party was voted out of power in 2017, it left the state in a bad shape and no investor was ready to invest in UP. He called upon people to tear apart the SP's social justice coalition titled PDA. He was speaking at a special programme organised to mark completion of nine years of Yogi Adityanath-led government. Maurya said BJP got a thumping majority in 2017 polls, getting 325 seats with allies (312 BJP). "The BJP will get a greater majority in 2027 polls. SP will not be able to return to power by 2047, when UP is set to become Viksit UP along with Viksit Bharat," he claimed. **HTC**



CONSIDER ALL PROS AND CONS WHILE VOTING: PATHAK

LUCKNOW: Deputy chief minister Brajesh Pathak called upon people to consider all pros and cons while voting and ensure that those who made Uttar Pradesh a 'goonda state' do not return to power.

He said people should think about the situation that prevailed in the state before 2017 when BJP came to power. The BJP won the 2022 UP assembly polls as well. Pathak was speaking at a special programme organised here to mark the completion of nine years of Yogi Adityanath led government in the state. He said Prime Minister Narendra Modi and the chief minister always emphasised that power was to serve people.

He concluded his address with noted Hindi poet Makhan Lal Chaturvedi's lines: "Mujhe tod lena vanmali us path par tum dena fek, matrabhumi par sheesh chadhane jis path jayen vir anek (O gardener (Vanmali), pluck me and throw me on that path, where countless brave heroes tread, to lay down their lives for the motherland.) **HTC**

