

‘With Noida Airport opening, UP can be advanced care hub’

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Lucknow: Acknowledging that UP’s healthcare landscape has undergone visible change over the past few years, Apollo Hospitals managing director Suneeta Reddy said that ‘intent has turned into impact’.

She met chief minister Yogi Adityanath in Lucknow on Saturday and discussed her group’s ongoing projects besides reviewing internal progress of work at the Lucknow centre. “I first met Yogiji in 2018 when Apollo was investing in its Lucknow hospital and sensed a strong political will to drive transformation. From then to now, I can clearly see that transformation happening,” she told TOI in an exclusive interaction.

She said that with the Noida International Airport coming up, UP could become a top centre in medical value travel. “With better connectivity, upcoming infrastructure such as Noida airport and expanding hospital networks, UP also has the potential to emerge as a stronger destination for advanced care and medical value travel,” she said.

About her meeting with the CM, she said: “He doesn’t exude just vision but is ensuring execution. I have seen greater budget allocation, investments in the right infrastructure, and a real focus on people. Govt has put significant money into healthcare, and not just basic healthcare but also high-end healthcare, so



CM Yogi Adityanath with MD, Apollo Hospitals, Suneeta Reddy

that quality care is not denied to people because they cannot afford it.”

Stating that UP was central to her group’s expansion plans, she said: “We are doubling our capacity in Lucknow. Then, our 400-bed hospital in Varanasi is in the advance stages while evaluating Kanpur (as next destination). We are also there in Noida. So, we are continuing to strengthen our presence in UP.”

On the changing canvas of health sector and way forward, she said: “UP’s healthcare future lies in networks linking big hospitals with local providers — bringing care closer, enabling early detection and easing pressure on tertiary centres.”

Asked why corporate hospitals are not able to serve Ayushman Bharat beneficiaries, she said: “This is great scheme. But package rates often do not reflect actual treatment costs — which speak for need to recalibrate.