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State unveils ₹2,900 cr plan for smaller towns

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The Uttar Pradesh government is looking to invest over ₹2,900 crore to foster planned urban development in smaller cities and towns.

The blueprint aims to replicate the flagship 'Smart City Mission' for new urban settlements across the state.

While ₹583 crore is projected to be incurred annually under the plan, the Yogi Adityanath government has estimated a total investment of more than ₹2,915 crore over a five-year period until 2029-30.

Under the roadmap, Tier II and III towns, managed by urban local bodies across 58 district headquarters, will be equipped with modern infrastructure.

The state government will

fund the scheme, 'Navayug Palika Yojana', from its own financial resources without seeking any contribution from the Centre.

Since the metro cities are managed by 17 municipal corporations in Uttar Pradesh, the government has planned to upgrade towns governed by smaller municipalities with comparable urban infrastructure. "The main objective is to strengthen urban infrastructure, provide a well-organised ecosystem, and improve the 'ease of living' for citizens," a senior UP official said.

The plan will promote digital governance, e-services, and technological solutions, making citizen services more transparent and efficient.

Interestingly, the Uttar Pradesh government has set a target of developing 100 new townships across 75 districts.