

Yogi proposes data centre cluster for Bundelkhand rgn

Plan To Make UP A Global Hub For AI

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Lucknow: Stressing that the Data Centre Cluster may be set up not just in NCR but in other parts of the state too, CM Yogi Adityanath on Wednesday directed officials to ensure that the project gets initiated in the Bundelkhand Industrial Development Authority (BIDA) area, where large-scale land is available.

Chairing a high-level review meeting in Lucknow, Yogi asked officials to start dialogue with major technical companies, including the Tata Group, to develop Lucknow as an 'AI City'.

The meeting was convened to deliberate on three important subjects linked to the future economy of the state, which include the Uttar Pra-



CM Yogi Adityanath during a high-level meeting on Wednesday

desh Data Centre Cluster (UPDCC), Project Ganga, and possible exemption in mandi fee and cess to promote in-house processing of wheat.

Officials said UPDCC is a long-term strategy to make the state a global hub for artificial intelligence, data centres, cloud infrastructure and high-tech digital manufacturing.

The presentation projected it as not just a project but a blueprint for the new economic structure of UP for the next 50 years. Under this, tar-

gets have been set to generate more than 1.5 lakh direct jobs and develop a 5-gigawatt AI compute corridor by 2040.

Officials said that by 2040, the world's new economy will develop around 'future arenas' such as AI, cloud, cyber security, semiconductors, electric vehicles, robotics and space technology, whose combined global market could reach 29 to 48 trillion dollars. For India, sectors like AI software and services, cloud services, cyber security, semiconductors, aerospace

and EVs will become major economic engines of the future.

The meeting highlighted UP's five major structural strengths — geographical location, vast land availability, large youth population, rapidly developing infrastructure, and strong leadership. It was stated that UP's inland location keeps it safe from sea risks and cyclones, while expressways, airports, logistics networks and power infrastructure are already developing rapidly.

Officials said UP has a large pool of technical talent because of institutes like IIT-Kanpur and National Institute of Technology, Prayagraj, and more than 50 engineering institutions.

The meeting described UP as Asia's most secure, scalable and connected inland AI territory. Officials highlighted that almost all major fibre networks of the country pass through UP and the state is connected with all sea cable landing points of India.