

'Projects to make UP a growth engine'

Yogi Thanks Union Mins For Nod To Projects

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Lucknow: Expressing gratitude to Lucknow MP Rajnath Singh and Union minister for road transport Nitin Gadkari for the approval of projects worth Rs 50,000-60,000 crore, chief minister Yogi Adityanath on Monday said that the projects would establish UP as the growth engine of India's economy.

Speaking during the inauguration of the greenfield expressway between Lucknow and Kanpur, the CM said, "The projects, which include north to south connectivity, a bypass for all towns with a population of 5 lakh and more, and four-lane connectivity for all district headquarters, will make UP the growth engine of India's economy."

Praising Gadkari for being the person responsible for making UP a state of global



CM Yogi with Union ministers Rajnath Singh and Nitin Gadkari during the inauguration ceremony on Monday

standards and who never said no to the implementation of any development project, the CM said that the new greenfield project would not just connect two metropolitan cities but would also provide better linkage between the cities in the state capital region like Barabanki, Hardoi, Sitapur and Rae Bareilly.

"Before 2017, UP was a state where there was no difference between a pothole and a road. Past govts neither had the vision nor the intent to develop the state. UP was in BI-

MARU state category where its citizens faced an identity crisis and only grappled with curfews, riots, divisive politics and govts that were helpless before mafia," he said.

"Today, because of its modern and world-class infrastructure, better security, and good governance — a vision which Prime Minister Narendra Modi gave to the country in 2014 — UP has emerged as a model state. I am grateful to my leadership which always supported UP for better road, air, inland waterway,

public transport and Metro connectivity," Yogi said, adding that UP was home to the country's first inland waterway, the first 12-lane expressway from Delhi to Meerut and the first rapid rail.

He said that 'utsav' (festivities) was the new identity of its people, and that the state had emerged as a breakthrough state for India's economy. "The state now has the most expressways, biggest railway network, most Metro connections and airports," he said.

'Eway to boost Sarojini Nagar'

Lucknow: Sarojini Nagar MLA Rajeshwar Singh on Monday termed the Lucknow-Kanpur Expressway a landmark infrastructure project that would transform Sarojini Nagar into a major industrial and investment hub.

Singh was participating in the inauguration and founda-



CM Yogi with MLA Rajeshwar Singh

tion stone-laying ceremony of three National Highway projects worth over ₹4,850 crore at UP Sainik School, where CM Yogi Adityanath, defence minister Rajnath Singh and Union road transport and highways minister Nitin Gadkari were present. Singh said the expressway would attract investments. TNN