

# CM launches projects worth Rs 1,184 crore

## Akbarpur bus stand renamed 'Shravan Dham'

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**CHIEF MINISTER** Yogi Adityanath on Monday inaugurated and laid the foundation stone of 194 development projects worth Rs 1,184 crore in the the Ambedkar Nagar district. The function, attended by Adityanath, marked the inauguration of 102 projects and laying of the foundation stone for 92 schemes.

The CM also announced the renaming of the Akbarpur bus stand in Ambedkar Nagar to 'Shravan Dham' bus stand, pointing out that the move is a "tribute to the cultural and mythological legacy of Shravan Kumar from the Ramayana".

He said that the Tanda bus stand would now be known as 'Jairam Verma' bus stand, in honour of former MP, the late Jairam Verma.

He emphasised the government's commitment to developing Shravan Dham as a religious and cultural tourism destination, highlighting its ancient legacy. He also reiterated the state's focus on promoting tourism in Shiv Baba Dham, where he offered prayers for the happiness and prosperity of the people before the public event. He noted that several development works in Shiv Baba Dham have been completed, with the remaining progressing rapidly.

During the programme, the CM said Rs 561.86 crore has been disbursed to 11,690 farmer families across the state under the Mukhyamantri Krishak Durghatna Kalyan Yojana, in-



CM Yogi Adityanath in Ambedkar Nagar on Monday. *Express*

cluding 431 families from Ambedkar Nagar alone. The scheme extends benefits to farmers, sharecroppers, agricultural labourers, and their families. He added that financial assistance ranging between Rs 500 crore to Rs 1,050 crore has been allocated for this initiative from the 2020-21 fiscal to 2025-26.

"There is no dearth of funds," the Chief Minister said, "and we are conducting camps in every tehsil to ensure that disaster-affected farmer families receive prompt relief."

The 194 projects included departments, including 14 projects of the Public Works Department, 72 under the Jal Jeevan Mission, 4 by the Electricity Department, 6 related to law and order/security, and 13 tube well projects.

Appointment letters were also distributed on the occasion to the newly recruited doctors, ASHA workers, Anganwadi workers, ANMs and other personnel.

Adityanath hit out at those in-

dulging in "family-centric" politics. He accused them of exploiting caste for personal political gain, using divisive tactics and attempting to dampen the public's enthusiasm.

The CM remarked that Uttar Pradesh has shed its earlier tag of a 'Bimaru' state and emerged as one of India's leading economies. He highlighted the transformative development taking place in Ambedkar Nagar — such as the construction of a medical college, polytechnic, and tourism infrastructure — which is helping redefine the district's identity.

Expressing gratitude to the people of the Katehari Assembly constituency where bypolls were held recently, Adityanath said that by electing Dharmaraj Nishad as their MLA, they have made a significant contribution to the region's development. He added that markets with populations between 20,000 and 25,000 can be upgraded to Nagar Panchayats if they meet the required criteria.

