

# Chandauli to be developed as industrial hub, says CM Yogi

Land bank identified in Naugarh for attracting investment worth crores

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**VARANASI:** Chief minister Yogi Adityanath on Thursday announced that Chandauli, a predominantly agricultural district, will also be developed as an industrial district. He said the administration has been directed to fast-track efforts to attract investments and create employment opportunities.

Addressing media persons during his visit to Chandauli, the CM said, "There is a wide land bank in the Naugarh area through which investment proposals can be invited. The administration has been asked to accelerate this drive so that investment worth thousands of crores may come to Chandauli and new job opportunities can be created for thousands of youths."

The chief minister said that various development initiatives in Chandauli have gained momentum under the double-engine government.

A medical college built in memory of Baba Keenaram has become operational, and consent has been given for the installation of the saint's statue on the premises.

He also announced that a long-pending demand for a district court has been approved. An integrated court complex costing over Rs 200 crore will be built. It will house all district-level courts, along with residential facilities for judicial officers and advocate chambers.

The CM stated that Chandauli will benefit from improved connectivity via multiple expressways.

He said, "The Purvanchal Expressway, which currently connects Lucknow to Ghazipur, is proposed to be extended to Sonbhadra via Chandauli. Its survey is underway."

He also mentioned that the Ganga Expressway, nearing completion between Meerut and Prayagraj, is proposed to be extended to Ghazipur via Mirzapur, Bhadohi, Varanasi, and Chandauli. Additionally, a Greenfield Expressway connecting Varanasi to Kolkata is under construction through Chandauli. "These developments will significantly enhance the district's connectivity with state and national capitals," CM Yogi said.

The chief minister further said development proposals from public representatives are being actively pursued. Proposals for additional bridges on the Ganga and an elevated bridge in Deendayal Upadhyay Nagar are also being considered.



CM Yogi Adityanath at a flood relief camp in Saralpur

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## CM wants Varanasi in top 5 cleanest cities

**VARANASI:** Chief minister Yogi Adityanath on Thursday directed officials to ensure Varanasi figures among the top five cleanest cities in the country. He chaired a review meeting at the Circuit House to assess development projects and law and order, a day after visiting Chandauli.

Varanasi Nagar Nigam got 17th position among all 4,589 bodies in the country in the ranking of Swachh Survey 2024. The CM said cleanliness campaigns must be run regularly and asked municipal commissioner Akshat Verma to monitor

the efforts.

### PRAYER AND SURVEY

Earlier, CM Yogi offered prayers at Baba Kashi Vishwanath and Baba Kaal Bhairav temples and conducted an aerial survey of the rising Ganga river. He distributed relief material to flood victims in a flood relief camp at Saralpur and inspected "Sowa Rigpa Medical College and Hospital built in the Central Institute of Higher Tibetan Studies campus in Sarnath here."

Yogi directed officials to solve the problems of general public quickly.