

After Aerocity push, AI City plan takes root in Lucknow

UP State Capital Region and Other Region Development Authority Act, 2024, to facilitate planned development around the state capital

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LUCKNOW : After last year's push to Aerocity, the Finance Bill 2025-26 on Thursday announced AI (Artificial Intelligence) city for Lucknow, which will come up on 70-acre land.

Finance minister Suresh Khanna made a budgetary allocation of Rs 5 crore for another ambitious project of the Yogi Adityanath government.

AI City will be a step forward



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to bring the state capital on par with IT hubs of the country.

The minister also made an allocation of Rs 10 crore for the UP Defence & Aerospace Units project. "The AI City will become a catalyst for future IT projects in the city," said Rajeshwar Singh, BJP MLA from Sarojini

Nagar. The state government has already framed the UP Aerospace and Defence Unit Employment Promotion Policy, 2024.

Aerocity and AI City are another step in the government's scheme of things to make UP the most favoured destination for investors. Spread over 1500

acres, Aerocity will have state-of-the-art facilities for commercial offices, seven-star hotels, parks, convention centre and other such facilities.

Rajeshwar Singh, BJP MLA from Sarojini Nagar, had forwarded the Aerocity proposal to the state government, which entrusted the Lucknow Development Authority to identify land for the project.

In a bid to develop Lucknow on the lines of the National Capital Region (NCR), the state government came up with the Uttar Pradesh State Capital Region (UPSCR). It enacted the UP State Capital Region and Other Region Development Authority Act, 2024, to facilitate planned development around Lucknow.

The UPSCR will comprise six districts, including Lucknow, Hardoi, Sitapur, Unnao, Rae Bareilly and Barabanki with a total area of 27,826 sq km.