

Rs 19,848 crore allocated for railways in U.P.

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LUCKNOW: A sum of Rs 19,848 crore out of the total of Rs 2,62,200 crore nationwide has been allocated in the budget for the railways in Uttar Pradesh for 2024-25, railway minister Ashwini Vaishnaw said on Wednesday.

He was giving information about the budgetary provisions to media persons in the presence of senior officials of North, North-Central and North-East Railway through video conference. The same was informed by divisional railway manager, Northeastern Railway, Aditya Kumar and DRM, Northern Railway, SM Sharma in Lucknow.

As many as 157 stations in the state are being developed as Amrit stations with major infrastructure redevelopment, according to the railways.

Some of these stations include Agra Cantt., Agra Fort, Aishbagh Junction, Akbarpur Junction, Aligarh, Amethi, Amroha, Anand Nagar Junc-

tion, Barabanki Junction and Bareilly among others.

Vaishnaw said 4900 km of railway tracks have been laid in Uttar Pradesh in the last 10 years, which is more than the length of the railway track of the entire Switzerland.

He said that all the railway tracks / routes of Uttar Pradesh have been 100% electrified. The minister said that 1490 flyovers / underpasses have been constructed in the state in the last 10 years, making life easier for residents of rural areas and reducing the number of accidents.

OVER 40 PROJECTS FOR MAHAKUMBH 2025

Vaishnaw said that more than 40 projects have been identified to ensure that the Mahakumbh runs smoothly and devotees do not face any problem. The Prayagraj railway station will be redeveloped in various phases, he said.

Vaishnav said chief minister Yogi Adityanath is reviewing preparations for the Mahakumbh.