



Cabinet approves four expressway projects

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The Uttar Pradesh Cabinet on Tuesday approved four key expressway projects, including two link expressways connecting the Agra-Lucknow Expressway with the Purvanchal and Ganga expressways.

The Cabinet, chaired by Chief Minister Yogi Adityanath, approved the revised and final Request for Proposal (RFP) for the two link expressway projects and also cleared the alignment of the proposed Vindhya Expressway and the Vindhya-Purvanchal Spur Link, an official statement issued here said.

The 50.98-km greenfield link expressway connecting the Agra-Lucknow Expressway with the Purvanchal Expressway will be developed as a six-lane access-controlled corridor, expandable to eight lanes in the future, under the Engineering, Procurement and Construction (EPC) model at an estimated cost of ₹4,75,84 crore, it said.

The second project involves the construction of a 90.84-km six-lane (expandable to eight lanes) greenfield link connect-

ing the Agra-Lucknow Expressway with the Ganga Expressway via Farrukhabad at an estimated cost of ₹7,488.74 crore. With these approvals, the Cabinet has cleared link expressway projects worth over ₹12,264 crore.

The statement further said the tendering process for selecting developers will begin shortly, and the selected agencies will be required to complete construction within about 36 months and undertake maintenance of the roads for five years thereafter.

The state government said the projects are aimed at integrating the Agra-Lucknow, Purvanchal and Ganga expressways into a seamless expressway grid, facilitating faster, safer and more efficient long-distance travel while reducing travel time and fuel consumption and boosting economic activity.

The Cabinet also approved the alignment of the six-lane Vindhya Expressway, expandable to eight lanes, with an estimated project cost of around ₹26,315 crore.

The proposed corridor will improve connectivity to



Prayagraj, Bhadohi, Mirzapur and Sonbhadra districts. The Cabinet cleared the Vindhya-Purvanchal Spur Link (Option-1), an estimated ₹9,039-crore project that will connect Ghazipur, Mirzapur and Chandauli, further enhancing road connectivity in eastern Uttar Pradesh.

procurement of more fire, foam tenders: The Uttar Pradesh Cabinet on Tuesday sanctioned ₹25.79 crore for the construction and procurement of 44 water tenders and five foam tenders to strengthen the state's Fire and Emergency Services. Briefing reporters after the meeting, Finance Minister Suresh Khanna said the approval covers the procure-

ment of five new 2,500-litre water tenders and the replacement of 39 obsolete 2,500-litre water tenders.

The cabinet also approved the purchase of five foam tenders with a capacity of 5,000 litres of water and 500 litres of foam. He said the vehicles would be equipped with high-pressure pumps. Khanna said the new vehicles would enhance the fire department's operational capability. He said smaller water tenders are being procured to improve access to congested localities and narrow lanes where conventional fire engines are unable to reach. The vehicles will also strengthen firefighting capabilities at industrial units, petroleum and gas installa-

tions, chemical plants, airports, helipads and warehouses storing flammable materials.

release of an interest-free loan: In another decision, the cabinet approved the release of an interest-free loan of ₹20 crore to the Uttar Pradesh

Outsource Service Corporation to support operations during the 2026-27 financial year. Khanna said the corporation has been established as a not-for-profit public limited company under Section 8 of the Companies Act, 2013, to improve the management, transparency and efficiency of outsourcing public services in the state. He said the newly formed corporation requires financial support during its initial phase to strengthen its administrative framework, develop operational systems, including collection of service charges from outsourcing agencies, and ensure smooth functioning. According to the approved plan, the corporation will not be required to repay the loan during its first five years of operation. Thereafter, it will repay the amount from its own revenue

at the rate of ₹2 crore annually over the following 10 years, the minister said.

250 electric buses for state transport fleet: The Cabinet on Tuesday approved the purchase of 250 electric buses for its road transport corporation at an estimated cost of ₹425.50 crore to strengthen the state's public transport system. The decision was taken at a Cabinet meeting chaired by Chief Minister Yogi Adityanath.

Briefing reporters after the meeting, Finance Minister Suresh Khanna said the project will cost ₹425.50 crore, of which ₹400 crore will be provided by the state government during the 2026-27 financial year, while the remaining ₹25.50 crore will be borne by the Uttar Pradesh State Road Transport Corporation (UPSRTC).

The buses would help modernise public transport, provide environmentally friendly mobility and improve passenger amenities, Khanna said, adding that during procurement, the preference would be given to Uttar Pradesh-based manufacturers to promote industrial activity in the state.

UP APPROVES FREE SCOOTY SCHEME FOR COLLEGE GIRLS

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Ahead of the 2027 assembly elections, the Uttar Pradesh cabinet on Tuesday approved the proposal for providing free scooters to meritorious undergraduate girls students pursuing higher education in the state.

The decision was taken at a Cabinet meeting chaired by Chief Minister Yogi Adityanath. Briefing reporters after the meeting, Higher Education Minister Yogendra Upadhyay said around 50,000 girl students are expected to benefit from the Uttar Pradesh Scooty Yojana this year.

He said the initiative aims to encourage girls to pursue higher education as part of the government's women empowerment efforts. Under the scheme, girl students from all state universities, private universities, government colleges affiliated with state universities, aided colleges and self-financed colleges will be eligible.

The benefit will be extended on merit to the top five per cent of undergraduate girls who passed in the 2025-26 academic session from each institution.

The minister said the annual family income of beneficiaries should be below ₹12 lakh and obtaining a valid driving licence will be mandatory.

However, girls from families of martyrs, destitute families and those with disabilities will also be eligible for free scooters without the merit criterion, he said.

Upadhyay said the government will bear the registration charges and vehicle insurance. Each beneficiary will also receive a helmet, essential accessories and five litres of petrol along with the scooter, the minister said.

In response to a query, the minister said the government has decided to provide a petrol-powered scooter as servicing facilities and fuel stations are more widely available across the state.

The scooter will be procured through a selection process based on proposals invited through a dedicated portal, he added. The scheme aims to ease transportation difficulties faced by girl students, encourage them to continue higher education, enhance women's empowerment and ensure safe, convenient and independent mobility.

Monsoon session from Aug 3 Grants to establish chairs in Indian knowledge tradition approved

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The Uttar Pradesh Cabinet on Tuesday approved the convening of the third session of the state legislature for 2026 from August 3, during which the supplementary budget for the 2026-27 financial year and other legislative business will be taken up. The decision was taken in a Cabinet meeting chaired by Chief Minister Yogi Adityanath.

Briefing reporters after the meeting, Finance Minister Suresh Khanna said both the Legislative Assembly and the Legislative Council would meet

on August 3 in accordance with constitutional provisions.

He said the government would present the supplementary demands for grants for the 2026-27 financial year during the Monsoon session. Replacement bills for ordinances promulgated after the conclusion of the previous session will also be introduced and taken up for passage, besides other essential legislative and government business, he added.

The previous session of the state legislature was convened on April 30. Both Houses were adjourned sine die the same day before the session was formally prorogued on May 7. Khanna said the decision to convene the next session complied with Article 174 of the Constitution and the Rules of Procedure and Conduct of Business of the Uttar Pradesh Legislative Assembly, which stipulate that no more than six months should elapse between two sessions of the legislature.

According to the UP Assembly Rules of Business for the Conduct of the Proceedings of the Legislative Assembly, members are ordinarily informed about the commencement of a session at least seven days in advance, he pointed out.

The decision was taken at a cabinet meeting chaired by Chief Minister Yogi Adityanath. Briefing reporters after the meeting, State Higher Education Minister Yogendra Upadhyay said the government

will grant up to '2 crore to each university and up to '1 crore to each aided college to this end.

The initiative is aimed at integrating Indian knowledge systems at different levels into higher education, he said.

The minister said institutions could establish research chairs after eminent scholars and ancient luminaries such as Aryabhata, Chanakya, or subjects like the Vedas and other areas of Indian intellectual heritage. Upadhyay said the grant will be kept as a fixed deposit and the interest earned from it

will be used to run the chair. He said that while such assistance was earlier available only to universities, the scheme has now been extended to aided colleges that have completed 50 years of existence and have an enrolment of more than 5,000 students.

In another decision, the cabinet approved the construction of a new women's hostel at Basant Kanya Mahavidyalaya in Raigarh, Varanasi, at a cost of over ₹2.48 crore under the Rapid Economic Development Scheme.

SP, Cong glorified foreign invaders: Adityanath

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Lucknow/Bahraich

Uttar Pradesh Chief Minister Yogi Adityanath on Tuesday accused the Samajwadi Party (SP) and the Congress of glorifying foreign invaders and neglecting local heroes such as Maharaja Suheldev, asserting that his government restored the state's historical legacy.

The chief minister was addressing a public meeting after inaugurating and laying the foundation stones of 70 development projects worth over ₹352 crore in Mahli and Nanpara tehsils of Bahraich district. Adityanath said that the SP and Congress governments never gave Maharaja Suheldev the recognition he deserved. "The first honour in Independent India should have been given to Maharaja Suheldev, but neither the Congress nor the Samajwadi Party did so. Instead of organising fairs in his memory, they started organising fairs in the name of Ghazi Miyan, the foreign invader Salar Masud Ghazi, who had come to plunder Bahraich and Maa Bageshwari Dham," the chief minister alleged.

Adityanath said that after the BJP came to power, it made clear that "in the new Uttar Pradesh of a new India, no memorial to any foreign invader will be erected and no fair or event will be organised in their name."

He thanked the people of Bahraich for ensuring that



people suffered economically," he said. Adityanath said Bahraich today represented one of the brightest examples of a "Developed India" because of its fertile land and rich natural resources, and the district that was once among the country's 100 most backward listed by the NITI Aayog is seeing better days.

The chief minister alleged that development was never a priority for the SP and the Congress. "For them, only the development of one family, one dynasty and themselves mattered," he said.

Without naming them, he also accused SP president Akhilesh Yadav and his uncle Shival Yadav of being unscrupulous about governing the state. "Before 2017, 'Babu' would wake up only around noon and get ready by 2 pm. By the time 'chachu' tried to explain matters to him, he hardly understood what was happening. By evening, he would head to the gym and later hold gatherings where plans for the state's ruin were made," he said.

The chief minister alleged that during the SP regime there was no development, law and order collapsed, farmers were forced to commit suicide, women and traders felt unsafe, and government funds were siphoned off by members of the "Saifal family." "Today, the benefits of government schemes are reaching corners of people because the intention of the government is

the work that should have been completed soon after independence was accomplished only after Prime Minister Narendra Modi assumed office and the BJP's "double-engine" government came to power.

The chief minister said Bahraich had transformed from an "aspirational district" to an "inspirational district" over the past nine years, the period of his stewardship of the state.

"Nine years ago, Bahraich was counted among the country's most backward districts. Land mafia, sand mafia and forest mafia dominated the district while illegal and immoral activities flourished under political patronage. The district earned a bad name and its

honest," he said. The chief minister said projects worth over ₹352 crore launched on Tuesday would further strengthen infrastructure in Bahraich. He said the Centre has approved an access-controlled road from Barabanki to Bahraich at a cost of around ₹7,000 crore while 22 flood protection projects worth ₹115 crore have also been sanctioned for rivers passing through the district.

Adityanath said a major industrial logistics corridor is also being planned at the Raipaidia border with Nepal, which, along with the proposed Gorakhpur-Shamli economic corridor passing through Bahraich, would transform the district into a major investment hub.

He said the NITI Aayog has also approved ₹30 crore for Bahraich's development. Adityanath also appealed to people, particularly in monsoon season, to remain alert to the threat of human-wildlife conflict in areas around Katarniaghat and adjoining regions. "Our government has eliminated the menace of muggings and mafias, but I appeal to all of you to remain cautious as the threat from wild animals still exists. At times, crocodiles, hyenas, leopards and even tigers cause loss of human lives in and around the Katarniaghat region. Vigilance and precaution are essential," he said. "Wildlife should not be impacted, but human life should also be saved," he stressed.

Ram temple trustees reaching Ayodhya for 2nd meeting

PRESS TRUST OF INDIA
Ayodhya (UP)

Amid the ongoing Ram temple donation theft row, members of the Shri Ram Janmabhoomi Teerth Kshetra Trust started reaching Ayodhya on Tuesday for the second meeting on July 22, official sources said here.

To take part in the meeting, trust treasurer Govind Devgiri and members Vishwa Teerth Prapannacharya, Vasudevanand Saraswati and acting general secretary Krishna Mohan have reached Ayodhya on Tuesday afternoon, Trust sources said.

According to the trust, the

special meeting has been scheduled at 3 pm in the Ram temple complex, followed by the regular meeting at 4 pm at Maniram Chawni, the premises of the trust president Nitish Gopal Das. As per the agenda circulated by Krishna Mohan in a letter to the trustees on July 7, the Wednesday meeting will take up confirmation of proceedings of the July 6 meeting as well as the special meeting at 3 pm the same day. During the meeting, the trust will deliberate on the post of general secretary, three vacant posts of trustees and the selection process for the first CEO of the Ram Mandir may also be



finalised, the sources said. Three posts are vacant in the trust following the resignations of general secretary Champat Rai and member Anil Mishra in the Ram Mandir donation theft case, and the death of a trustee,

Bhimendra Mohan Pratap Mishra. There will be deliberations on the appointment of a new general secretary along with new members, they said. The SIT's final report in the offering theft case has been submitted in

the Supreme Court, the sources said, adding that the trust may also deliberate on the SIT report submitted before the apex court. The July 6 meeting was the first meeting of the trust after the alleged embezzlement of donation came to light. During the meeting, a special committee was constituted to recommend amendments to the trust deed and frame guidelines for the custody, valuation and disposal of offerings made by devotees.

The meeting was initially scheduled to be held at Maniram Chawni but was later shifted to the Ram temple complex.

LCB, District Health Committee sign MoA

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To make public health services more robust, accessible and of high-quality in the Lucknow Cantonment area, a Memorandum of Agreement

(MoA) was signed between the Lucknow Cantonment Board and the District Health Committee, Lucknow.

The agreement focuses on strengthening public health services through collaborative healthcare initiatives.

Lucknow District Magistrate Vishakh G stated that coordinated efforts among different departments are the most effective way to provide citizens with better and timely healthcare services.

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