

WALKING THE TALK

(An analysis of implementation
of Uttar Pradesh BJP manifesto)



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PREFACE

The State of Uttar Pradesh was infamous for rampant and unseasoned crime in every possible domain thereby inflicting a direct hit on the stature of India's largest state in terms of demographic dividend. It was not only stature of UP that was affected but also the abode of opportunities that the state reserved for an incredibly large chunk of population had been compromised owing to huge security and law and order concerns. The '*gunda raaj*' was the normal state of affairs which the NCRB data has established time and again. After the BJP came to power in Uttar Pradesh nearly five years ago with a thumping majority, it was observed that the public offices were in deep slumber and inefficient to resolve the issues among numerous others, such as those encountered by elderly citizens, farmers, students, youth, and those living below the poverty line (BPL). Thus, the challenge before the government was to steer the state on the path of development and ensure the welfare of all and realising the values of '*sabka-saath, sabka-vikas*'. Recognizing the values of the mandate as bestowed by the people of Uttar Pradesh, the UP government has accomplished unparalleled milestones. For the first time since independence, a slew of policy interventions was witnessed, that changed the way Uttar Pradesh was looked at during the previous regimes.

When the world's most powerful economies failed to deliver benefits to their citizens due to a lack of bank accounts in the system, the BJP-led UP government's initial push for the expansion of the J-A-M trinity (Jan Dhan Yojana Aadhar-Mobile) proved to be a game changer during the pandemic, drawing inspiration from the fundamentals of cooperative federalism. During a life-threatening crisis, the government was able to deliver financial assistance to individuals even in the most distant villages of the state, cementing the ideals of Ram Rajya in the state.

The analysis and documentation attest to the fact that the BJP government has kept the oaths' integrity. This analysis is the result of a research by the Public Policy Research Centre, which focused on the activity of the BJP-led UP government during a four-and-a-half-year period. The report details how development operations were carried out, as

well as how the existing administration addressed long-standing challenges and requests of the state's best interest.

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INTRODUCTION

Uttar Pradesh, the most populous state bordered by the state of Uttarakhand, Bihar, Jharkhand, Chhattisgarh, Rajasthan, Haryana and the national capital territory of Delhi, holds mythological, geographical, religious, historic and economic significance. Uttar Pradesh is blessed with plenty of natural resources and due to the Ganges and its tributary, with fertile and mineral-rich soil. Land of Lord Krishna's and Ram's birth, Uttar Pradesh is also a religious and tourist attraction.

Despite agriculture playing a significant role in state's economy, the distressed farmers used to commit suicides owing to the burdens of debt, prior to formation of BJP government in 2017. Agriculture sector of Uttar Pradesh, being the key contributors to the state economy with almost 65% of the total population dependent on it, CM Yogi in the very first cabinet meeting on 25th April 2017, decided to waive off agrarian loans worth ₹36,359 crore belonging to approximately 87 lakh small and marginal farmers in Uttar Pradesh. Besides, the Yogi Adityanath Govt. in the same meeting also decided that thereon, all small and marginal farmers will be provided interest-free loans on agriculture.

On contrary, under the rule of Samajwadi Party and Bahujan Samajwadi Party, the state was gripped by the tyranny of dynasty and caste politics. The corruption during the reigns of BSP and SP rule has handicapped one of the largest states, having great potential in terms of economy and manpower. The rampant increase in communal violence and crime across the state had severely impacted the lives of millions, giving rise to anti-incumbency, especially in 2017 when the BJP came to power. The then Chief Minister of Uttar Pradesh, Akhilesh Yadav's ministers were involved in some serious crimes like rape, murder and money laundering, among others. Looking at the security of women and systemic crimes across the state, Uttar Pradesh had topped the charts where different sorts of mafias belonging to different regions were ruling the state and the system. Criminals like Mukhtar Ansari and Ateek Ahmad were roaming freely, running their syndicates. When the BJP came to power, it was a huge responsibility to get a hold on the rising crimes in the state. Yogi Adityanath led UP government was entrusted to bring the required law and order. Moreover, under the Yogi government, number of Cases of Communal Rioting Registered from 2017-20 as

the Police has come down with a heavy hand on the offenders. Delivering on the promise of cracking down on the land mafia which has plagued Uttar Pradesh, the Yogi Adityanath Government On 25th April 2017, set up Anti-Land Mafia Squads in Uttar Pradesh.

In last 4 years, 1.27 lakh crore paid to sugarcane farmers. State government indeed successfully brought a diversified change in every field. At one part, no riots in the state were reported since past 4 years. The actions of state govt on those who break law and order have set the standard and are taken positively countrywide. Today the perception of the state has changed. UP has become the best place for investment in the country. The police station has undergone an infrastructural change, 59 police station, 4 women stations, 16 cybercrime station has been established in the state. Zero tolerance for crime. 66% drop in dacoit cases, 45% drop in RAPE cases, 19% drop in murder cases and special focus is given on women's security.

On the other hand, rejuvenating tourism especially after it got hit by the covid pandemic was a big challenge but under the able leadership of Yogi Adityanath, the tourism industry skyrocketed. For instance, in 2019 the state of Uttar Pradesh attracted the most domestic tourists sweeping 23.1% of tourist share of India. Be it beautification of Kashi Vishwanath temple or Ayodhya Ram Mandir, the Yogi government has made serious efforts to preserve the cultural heritage of Uttar Pradesh.

The BJP government in centre and state, 'double engine' of PM Modi and CM Adityanath, proves a good combination of working in synergy to provide best facilities to the people. From infrastructure development initiatives like construction of state highways, metro line, establishment of medical colleges, schemes for start-up and agriculture sector etc. to education, employment of youth, and subsidies during covid19 pandemic, a paradigm shift from dynasty politics to developmental politics in Uttar Pradesh can be witnessed.

The past 5 years have indeed been the phase of breaking out of the inertia and building a tradition of performance. It is imperative that the government's performance be analysed in comparison with the promises it made in its manifesto.

OBJECTIVES

- To study the promises made under the Uttar Pradesh Bharatiya Janata Party's manifesto released in 2017 Assembly Elections.
- Identifying all the work undertaken vis-à-vis the promises made in the manifesto BJP UP manifesto.

SCOPE & METHODOLOGY

- To enumerate and evaluate the promises made under the manifesto released in 2017 assembly elections, the initiatives were scooped from the entire official information source bases.
- The databases include official UP portal, legislative assembly portal with questions answered, cabinet resolutions, and public briefings of the government.

UTTAR PRADESH BJP MANIFESTO ANALYSIS

KRISHI VIKAS KA BANE AADHAR

Financial Assistance to Farmers

- **Crop loans of all small and marginal farmers will be waived.**
- **Interest free crop loans will be given to all small and marginal farmers.**

Prior to establishment of Yogi government in 2017, there was a significant rise in the suicide cases of farmers due to increase in debts. Agriculture sector of Uttar Pradesh being the key contributors to the state economy with almost 65% of the total population is dependent on it, the Yogi Adityanath Govt. decided to waive off agrarian loans worth ₹36,359 crore belonging to approximately 87 lakh small and marginal farmers in Uttar Pradesh in first cabinet meeting on 25th April 2017. Besides, The Yogi Adityanath Govt. in the same meeting also decided that thereon, all small and marginal farmers will be provided interest-free loans on agricultureⁱ.

In addition, while the earlier governments' anti-farmer approach and unscientific policies drove the farmers to commit suicide, the voted BJP government waived off loans. Consequently, a steady decline in farmers suicide was noted since 2017 in the state of Uttar Pradesh.

- **In future, the system will be implemented by the government to ensure full payment to sugarcane farmers within 14 days of selling the crop.**
- **With the coordination of banks and sugar mills, the dues of sugarcane farmers will be fully paid within 120 days of the formation of the government.**

Uttar Pradesh is India's largest producer of sugarcane, accounting for 51 per cent of the total cultivated area, 50 per cent of the crop and 38 percent of sugar productionⁱⁱ. For years, multiple challenges for the sugarcane farmers in this belt, including the rising cost of production and delay in the payments were faced by farmers. As per the Sugarcane Control Order 1966, sugar mills should pay farmers within 14 days, or face a 15 per cent annual interest on dues. As part of a scheme, each farmer could also procure a quintal or 100 kg of sugar/month from mills against their dues for the 2019-20 seasonⁱⁱⁱ.

Hence, in 2017, when Yogi government came in power, they made sure that the efforts are made to ensure full payment to sugarcane farmers within 14 days of selling crop. In 2021, it indicated that nearly 84% dues of nearly 45 lakh sugarcane farmers were cleared, making it highest and fastest payment in a season in the past 50 years^{iv}.

- **A detailed roadmap will be prepared to double the agricultural income of the farmers of Uttar Pradesh by 2020.**

In order to double the agricultural income of the farmers, UP government initiated a detailed plan. The state government fast-tracked the Atma Nirbhar Krishak Samanvit Vikas Yojana or self-dependent farmers integrated development scheme^v. According to this scheme, farming sector is at a focal point of development with forward and backward linkages to corollary sectors like Horticulture, food processing, cane development, dairy and animal husbandry.

This plan seeks to work on two scales. First, accelerating the constitution of the Farmers Production Organisation and promoting them in trade. And second, timely and strategic spending of centre's agricultural infrastructure funds^{vi}.

Landless Farmer's Welfare

- **All necessary documents will be made available to landless agricultural laborers for bank loans, government schemes and other social security benefits.**
- **Under the Deen Dayal Suraksha Bima Yojana, insurance up to 2 lakh will be provided by the government to the landless agricultural laborers free of cost.**

From 2017 to present, 766038 Sanyukt Deyata Samuh, 49 lakh beneficiaries have been provided loans of Rs 3733 crore. In the last 4 years, 14991 Self Help Groups have provided loans worth Rs 227.83 crore to 1.43 lakh people, totalling amount over Rs 4000 crore for 50 lakh plus beneficiaries.

Kisan Credit Card made applicable for sericulture and 50,0000 landless labourers etc have been given access to credit in the State of UP. In addition, 1461 Aadhar Enrollment Centres for the registration of these beneficiaries have been incorporated.

Along with this, Pradhan Mantri Suraksha Bima Yojana has been implemented in the state which covers Landless Agricultural labourers.

Uttar Pradesh Asangathit Karmakar Samajik Suraksha Board Portal has also been launched. In the State Budget, Rs 12 crore has been allocated for the Mukyamantri Durghatna Bima Yojana. The beneficiaries have been identified through registration on the portal and they are being provided services of the scheme^{vii}.

Paddy Procurement and MSP

- **The government will make arrangements for the purchase of paddy by the farmers at the minimum support price.**
- **All the grain and vegetable markets will be converted into e-mandis to get the farmers the right price for the crop.**
- **Potato, onion and garlic will be brought under the minimum support price.**

MSP is a threshold price that acts as a safety net for farmers when they sell particular crops. These crops are procured by government agencies at a promised price to farmers and MSP, once declared, cannot be changed to the farmers' disadvantage in that particular season. The Minimum Support Price has been implemented in the APMC Mandis of the State. APMC's for all crops have increased substantially on an annual basis. In fact, the state government has increased the paddy procurement centres from 4231 in 2020 to 4370 in 2021.

E-Mandi facility has been implemented in the State and has been successfully functioning for convenience of the farmers through smart implementation of technology in the agricultural sector by the Yogi Adityanath Govt.

In 2018-19 under Operation Greens, Tomato, Onion and Potato were crops chosen as the targets for price stabilisation.

Foundation Stone of Agriculture

- **The benefit of Pradhan Mantri Fasal Bima Yojana will be extended to all interested and needy farmers.**

The Pradhan Mantri fasal bima yojana launched on 18 February 2016 by Prime Minister Narendra Modi is an insurance service for farmers for their yields. This scheme aims to provide insurance coverage and financial support to the farmers in the event of failure of any of the notified crop as a result of natural calamities, pests & diseases.

Kharif Crops:

Under this scheme, crops on 23.7 lakh hectares of land were insured by 25.6 lakh farmers in 2017-19.

Crops on 26.87 lakh hectares of land were insured by 31.47 lakh farmers in 2018-19.

Rabi Crops:

In 2017-18, crops on 23 lakh hectares of land were insured by 28.13 lakh farmers.

In 2018-19, crops on 24.2 lakh hectares of land were insured by 29.69 lakh farmers.

Compensation:

2017 kharif: Rs. 244.75 crore to 40,100 farmers

2017 rabi; Rs. 119.85 crore to 1.79 lakh farmers

2018 kharif: Rs. 419.54 crore to 5.58 lakh farmers

2018 rabi: Rs. 18.11 crore to 38,000 farmers

- **Arrangements will be made to supply adequate electricity to all the farms at low rates.**
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The Yogi Adityanath Govt. waived off the Farm Electricity Surcharge for the regions of Western Uttar Pradesh in 2018, reiterating its commitment to lay the foundation of Agricultural Progress for the Farmers of UP. Besides, 10 hours of Irrigation electricity surcharge is waived off for farmers as Per May 2021.

On the occasion of Kisan Diwas on December 23rd 2017, the Yogi Adityanath Govt. launched the Kisan Urja Daksh Pump Yojana. Under this scheme farmers of the state will receive 9000 energy efficient pumps and smart control panels in the first phase and 10 lakhs pump sets in the second phase completely free of cost.

- **Full arrangement for godowns and cold storage will be made at every block level of the state.**

Uttar Pradesh Chief Minister Yogi Adityanath on 26th August 2020 laid the e-foundation stone for the construction of 37 godowns with 5,000 tonne capacity each at 37 agricultural produce marketing committees spread in 27 districts of the state.

1500 Megaton warehouses have been rented by the Govt and 150 new warehouses have been established since 2017 through SDWC, PSF, PPP, CWC mode. Storage capacity has increased from 60 lakh to 80 lakh metric ton.

- **Soil health cards will be given to all the farmers in 3 years.**

In Uttar Pradesh, the facility of 'Soil Health Card' is available to farmers for every land holding. The Card is made available to the farmer after testing of soil on 12 parameters (pH, EC, Fossil Carbon, Nitrogen, Phosphate, Potash, Sulphur, Zinc, Iron, Copper, Manganese and Boron.

Soil Health Cards issued:

2017-18: 28.82 lakh

2018-19: 174.71 lakh

2019-20: 2.55 lakh

2020-21: Unknown

The SHC scheme will monitor the soil of the farmers' holdings and provide them with a report that helps the farmers decide on the crops they need to cultivate and which crops they can skip. The authorities monitor the soil of a farm regularly^{viii}.

- **Adequate steps will be taken to prevent crop damage from Nilgai and other stray animals.**

Farmers in the state of Uttar Pradesh for long have been troubled by the damage caused by Nilgai and other stray animals. In order to tackle this issue, the Yogi government established Kanha Upvans and Kanha Gaushalas in Urban Areas and Vridhad Gau Sanrakshan Kendra aur Gau Ashray Stahls in Rural Areas.

Irrigation Facilities

- **Chief Minister Krishi Sinchai Fund will be set up with a corpus of 20 thousand crores to provide water to every field of the state.**
- **Drought of Bundelkhand. A separate provision will be made in this fund to take irrigation schemes to the affected areas.**

Water plays a significant role when it comes to farming. The 14 districts of Bundelkhand spread over Uttar Pradesh and Madhya Pradesh are united by one common crisis: shortage of water. That is why thousands of families are forced to flee the region. There were about 10,000 ponds in the area earlier. There are innumerable wells commissioned in the times of Chandel and Bundela kings, but now a large number of these wells as well as ponds have dried up. Yes, there are claims about developing new ponds and water structures every year, but the water crisis remains intact^{ix}. Therefore, Yogi Adityanath government from 2017-2021 has invested around Rs 20,000 crore for the irrigation of crops. For Bunkelkhand in the last 4 years: Pahadi Bandh Pariyojana, Pahuj Bandh Pariyojana, Jamrani Bandh Pariyojana, Gunta Bandh Pariyojana etc. along with 3.42 megawatt hydel and 2.5-megawatt solar power plant has been initiated. With the 73345 hectares of new irrigation capabilities, 15 villages to get Irrigation facilities and an increase of 63085 hectares of irrigated land by December 2021.

- **Work on the Ken Betwa River Linking Project will be started on priority.**

The central government is now going to form a central authority to settle the dispute of the Ken-Betwa link project. This authority will decide the sharing of water and electricity for both the states.

In March 2021, Union Jal Shakti Minister Gajendra Singh Shekhawat signed a tripartite agreement for the project implementation with Madhya Pradesh Chief Minister Shivraj Singh Chouhan and Uttar Pradesh Chief Minister Yogi Adityanath. Prime Minister Narendra Modi was also present at the event virtually.

- **All stalled AIBP schemes (like Bansagar Canal, Kachnoda Dam, Madhya Ganga Canal Project, Arjun Sahayak Project etc.) of the state will be completed at a fast pace.**
- **The Pond Development Authority will be set up to ensure conservation and restoration of ponds.**

The Yogi Adityanath Govt. passed the Uttar Pradesh Pond Development, Protection and Conservation Authority Bill, 2017 to provide for establishment of a Pond

Development, Protection and Conservation Authority. In the state, there are a large number of ponds/tanks which are traditional sources of surface water storage, groundwater augmentation, irrigation, domestic and drinking water and rural industries. These ponds/tanks are managed, protected, conserved and rejuvenated by various Government Departments.

Following are some of the key milestones in this area:

- 1) Bansagar Pariyojana inaugurated by PM Modi on 15.07.18
- 2) Arjun Sahayak Pariyojana and Sarayu Neher Rashtriya Pariyojana have been subsumed under PM Krishi Sinchayi Yojna
- 3) Irrigation coverage to increase to over 15 lakh hectares by the end of 2021

- **The benefit of drip and sprinkler irrigation schemes will be ensured to 50 lakh farmers.**

PMKSY has been implemented in all the districts of Uttar Pradesh (Pradhan Mantri Krishi Sichai Yojana) as of August 2019, according to Minister for Forest and Environment, Dara Singh Chauhan. The Yogi Govt. is also providing 35% extra in addition to the prescribed subsidy on drip irrigation system, sprinklers etc. The amount of subsidy is transferred to the farmer directly through DBT.

All districts of Uttar Pradesh are covered under the scheme 'Per Drop More Crop Scheme' of Micro Irrigation. In addition, Rs 701.93 crore has been used to provide over 3.6 lakh of irrigation cover.

One major advantage of drip irrigation systems is their increased efficiency in terms of water usage. Drip irrigation systems lose less water to evaporation and runoff than spray systems. This can be important in very dry areas where drought is a constant possibility^x. Hence, the initiative under Yogi Government turns out to be advantageous for farmers, especially in the regions like Bundelkhand where water scarcity is a grave concern.

- **The vacant potential of the existing irrigation schemes of the state will be fully utilized.**

In the four months since he was sworn in as the chief minister of Uttar Pradesh, Yogi Adityanath has turned the spotlight on a number of projects announced by his predecessor. The Yogi government scrutinized the existing projects worth crores of rupees for alleged irregularities and escalated costs^{xi}. Hence, serious efforts have been made to increase the coverage of irrigation and utilise the amount to the fullest for the schemes of irrigation development in Uttar Pradesh.

Khairf Plus Rabi Irrigation Coverage in UP:

2015-16: 75.86 hectares

2016-17: 82.58 hectares

2017-18: 82.55 hectares

2018-19: 86.10 hectares

2019-20: 90.46 hectares

As per 2021-22 plans, Drip irrigation plants in 30,000 hectares of sugarcane area will be installed by the Uttar Pradesh Sugarcane Development Department during 2021-22, using subsurface drip irrigation technology.

Flood Management

- **Arrangements will be made for desilting of rivers and dams and construction of new dams to avoid the threat of floods.**

Within just a few months of being elected as Chief Minister, in October 2017, Yogi Adityanath made the announcement that drones would henceforth be utilised for the cleaning and desilting of canals across the State of Uttar Pradesh. He also said that existing dams and embankments would be strengthened in order to make sure that there is no loss of life or property.

Till date from October 2017, over Rs 3690 crores has been granted for the same by the Government. 35 dam dredging procedures have taken place in the state. 3 are ongoing.

Dairy Development

- **Milk revolution will be brought in Uttar Pradesh in the next 5 years, for this a Dairy Development Fund of 15 crores will be set up.**
- **For milk collection, with the help of National Dairy Development Board, 1 complete milk processing dairy will be established in every group of 4 districts.**

Uttar Pradesh has set a record for milk production in the country. Milk production has been steadily increasing in the state. UP milk production was **277.697 lakh metric tonnes in 2016-17**, increasing to **318,630 lakh tonnes in 2019-20**. The state has produced **1,242.37 lakh tonnes** of milk in the past four years. The increase in milk production also appears to boost employment in Uttar Pradesh^{xii}.

In September 2020, CM Yogi Adityanath said that revenue from milk collection in the state has increased to Rs 702 crores in 2019-20 as compared to Rs 367 crore in 2014-15. The Government has started several programs at the state level, including provision of Rs 2 lakh prize money to the highest milk producer, and other prizes such as the Gokul Award on a district level. Additionally, the Government intends to establish more dairies and increase the number of co-operative milk societies in Uttar Pradesh.

The production of milk in the State has gradually increased. In the last four years, Uttar Pradesh produced 1,242.37 lakh metric tonnes of milk. Milk production in UP increased from 277.697 lakh metric tonnes in 2016-17, to 318.630 lakh metric tonnes in 2019-20. Besides, in the last four years, six big companies, including Amul, invested Rs 172 crore in dairy projects in the State. Investment in the dairy sector has created large-scale employment opportunities in rural areas of the state. People continue to enter the milk trade by raising cows and buffaloes. According to official data, Uttar Pradesh transports 17% of India's total milk production from here to the country^{xiii}.

Rearing of Animals

- **There has been a decline in the number of cattle wealth in Uttar Pradesh during the last regime. Due to illegal smuggling of milch animals, industries like dairy are not developing in the state.**
- **All illegal slaughterhouses will be closed strictly and all mechanical slaughterhouses will be banned.**

The Yogi Adityanath Govt. acknowledged the importance and status of the Cow in Uttar Pradesh, as well as the illegal smuggling prevalent by mafias as a major problem. On the very first day itself, the Yogi Adityanath Govt. announced a ban on illegal slaughterhouses, abattoirs as well as cow smuggling in the State and strictly cracked down on the violators of the same^{xiv}.

The state government is also setting up conservation of milch animals and green field dairies. Officials said greenfield dairies are being set up in Lucknow, Kanpur, Meerut, Varanasi, Kannauj, Bareilly, Ayodhya, Firozabad, Gorakhpur and Moradabad districts of UP^{xv}.

- **Pashu Swasthya Bima Yojana will be started to ensure free treatment to the animals of poor families.**

Due to the Pashu Swasthya Bima Yojana, the farmers of poor section will get a lot of benefit. Under this scheme, farmers can get insurance of goats along with big animals. The special thing is that they do not even have to pay the full amount of the insurance premium. About 80 percent of the premium will be borne by the government itself.

The previous SP government had stopped the livestock insurance scheme being run in the interest of poor farmers and livestock owners. After the formation of the BJP government in the state, Chief Minister Yogi Adityanath has restarted this scheme keeping in mind the interest of the farmers. Under this, a farmer or person involved in animal husbandry can insure five big animals like cow or buffalo or 50 goats^{xvi}.

There is a 70% relief to poor families on treatment of their cattle and animals. Uttar Pradesh's deputy chief minister Keshav Prasad Maurya flagged off an exclusive ambulance service for cows in 2017.

The Yogi Adityanath Government has offered citizens up to Rs 3,720 per month for adoption of cows as part of the scheme called 'Nirashrit/ Besahara GOvansh Sabhahigita Yojana'.

- **To prevent damage to crops, lands will be allocated at gram panchayat level and a comprehensive plan for preservation of animals will be made.**

In order to prevent damage to crops caused by animals, 580,039 stray cattle in 5254 Gau Ashray Stahls Gauvansh Vanya Vihars in Bundelkhand Region have been incorporated and new centres are being established to provide relief to persons troubled by ruining of crops.

Horticulture

- **Horticulture will be promoted by developing fruit belts.**

The diverse climate of Uttar Pradesh is suitable for producing all kinds of horticultural crops. In fact, Uttar Pradesh holds a leading position in total production of horticultural crops in the country. In fact, for more than 92% of small holding farmers, horticultural crops are the main source of higher income, employment and nutrition per unit area. With the increasing importance of horticultural crops, its producers are aware and are improving economic status by adopting the horticultural crops while optimum utilization of the available resources. Horticultural crops are diverse which include all kinds of fruits, vegetables, flowers, medicinal and aromatic crops, root and tuber crops, spices and bee-keeping as well as mushroom cultivation as a subsidiary enterprise along with their processing and value addition^{xvii}.

Thus, keeping the importance of horticulture in mind, Yogi government-initiated Banana, Papaya, Mango, Guava, Lichi, Amla and Orange Policy - 23295 cultivated. As a part of this, 611 pack houses were established at a cost of Rs 25.61 crore.

Fisheries

- **A Fisheries Welfare Fund will be set up with a corpus of 100 crores for the promotion of fisheries and the welfare of the people associated with it.**

With the aim of providing employment to the youth and farmers of the state, the Yogi government is running many schemes in Uttar Pradesh. These schemes not only provide benefits to the people but also generate many direct and indirect employment opportunities.

To give more profit with less capital, the Yogi Government is encouraging small, micro-business units in the state. In this regard, it is promoting fish farming in the state. Looking at the immense potential of employment generation and income growth from fisheries, the Yogi government is providing golden opportunities to the farmers by providing them with jobs in fish farming^{xviii}.

Moreover, 25 crores were allocated for the Fishermen Welfare Fund. The Cabinet has approved the Uttar Pradesh Fisheries (Development and Control) Rules 2019 for the establishment and implementation of Fisheries Welfare Fund.

Between 2017-20, Rs 105 crore spent on improvements and facilities such as 1 large fish feed mill, 49 small fish feed mills, 48 fish egg hatcheries, 64 RAS, 576 motorcycles with ice boxes, 6 autos with ice boxes, 604 cycles with ice boxes, solar powered eco culture units, 568 hectares of private lands have been made into ponds and 682 hectares of ponds have been repaired.

Between 2019-20, 6987 lakh metric tons of fishery business took place.

In 2020-21, Blue Revolution Yojana and Pradhan Mantri Matsya Sampada Yojana worth Rs 212 Crore were initiated.

In 21-22, Rs 713 crore worth of schemes have been announced.

Because of these serious efforts, Uttar Pradesh has received the first prize of the best state in inland fisheries under the leadership of the CM Yogi Adityanath.

Organic Farming

Food Processing

- **Food Park will be developed in the state of Uttar Pradesh.**
- **Food processing parks will be set up in all the six regions of the state where packaging, export and research facilities will be available.**
- **Interest free loans will be given for setting up small scale industries based on food processing.**

Yogi Government's Food Park offers new investment opportunities to Food Processing Industries.

UPSIDA has completed construction work on roads in the Mega Food Park, Baheri, near Bareilly. The 250-acre land will create a window of opportunities to the Food Processing Industries.

The scheme of Mega Food Park aims at providing a mechanism to link agricultural production to the market by bringing together farmers, processors and retailers to ensure maximizing value addition, minimizing wastage, increasing farmers' income and creating employment opportunities, particularly in the rural sector^{xix}.

Till March 2021, Rs. 17798.29 crores have been invested on cold chain, cold storage and agro processing clusters. 164 Large and Medium Industries have also started working under the same.

The Central Govt has laid the foundation of 4 agro processing clusters in Lucknow, Kanpur, Barambaki and Mathura. Will be all-in-one centres with a wide range of facilities.

Sugarcane processing

- **An experimental effort will be made to make ethanol directly from sugarcane, so that sugarcane farmers will get the right price for sugarcane.**

On 18th November 2019, Yogi Adityanath inaugurated North India's first sugarcane mill which will produce ethanol directly from sugarcane. The mill was inaugurated in Pipraich area of Gorakhpur. Speaking on the occasion, the Chief Minister said his government is working to restore the pride of the Sugar Bowl of east Uttar Pradesh.

NA GUNDA RAJ, NA BHRASHTACHAR

Improvement in Police

- **1.5 lakh Positions in police dept. will be filled on the basis of merit only, without prejudice to caste and religion, respecting the constitutional reservation.**
- **All the vacant reserved posts in the police will be filled within 1 year.**
- **A special department will be created in UP police to prevent migration due to communal tension, and a deputy collector will be appointed in each district, especially in western Uttar Pradesh.**

The state of Uttar Pradesh was typically at the top of the crime rate, be it during the regime of Bahujan Samaj Party or Samajwadi Party, but what is more concerning is the ever-increasing lead it has recently taken. In 2011, almost a third of all crimes in India happened in Uttar Pradesh. Its criminal record was so bad that the next most criminal state, Tamil Nadu, had a three-fold lower crime rate^{xx}.

On contrary, Under the Yogi government, number of Cases of Communal Rioting Registered from 2017-20 as the Police has come down with a heavy hand on the offenders. Arrangements have been made for riot contingency at a district level and special task forces for communal incidents have also been made by the UP Police^{xxi}.

- **All police records will be digitized for better monitoring**

Efficient management of data is a vital activity of law enforcement. Digitization of law enforcement records with the help of a documents scanning service could improve the efficiency of the department and the information can be shared among different law enforcement agencies more easily and readily.

Hence, Police records, complaints etc. have been digitised in the Uttar Pradesh Police Portal. The Yogi Adityanath Govt. is committed to the usage of technology for increasing accessibility for the citizens of Uttar Pradesh which is a step towards expediting justice.

- **It will be ensured that every citizen can register an FIR in a fear-free environment, without discrimination of caste and religion.**

It is the fundamental right to justice ensured by the constitution of India. Every citizen, without any discrimination on the basis of caste, religion, gender, occupation, deserves access to justice, law and order. Therefore, to ensure that every citizen can register an FIR in a fear-free environment, without discrimination of caste and religion, a special law and order wing will be set up within the police force. Modern equipment will be provided to the police for better investigation and prevention of crimes.

As per the 2017 circular: FIR Centres were to be opened in all districts of Uttar Pradesh for safe lodging of FIR without fear and intimidation. Furthermore, they are supervised by the police commissioner himself.

- **Six Forensic Science Laboratories will be set up in the state to punish the guilty using scientific methods in investigation of crimes.**

In October 2019, Uttar Pradesh Chief Minister Yogi Adityanath ordered the state Home Department to set up cyber police stations and forensic labs in all of the state's 18 police ranges. While reviewing the operational ability of the home department, he also directed concerned officials to expedite the process of appointment of personnel to these cyber police stations and forensic labs. At present, UP has 5 forensic science labs at Lucknow, Agra, Varanasi, Ghaziabad and Moradabad, while similar facilities are being set up at 6 more places viz. Prayagraj (Allahabad), Gorakhpur, Kannauj, Aligarh and Jhansi^{xxii}.

- **The jail infrastructure will be modernised to stop the jailed gangsters from conducting organized crime from the jail, through scientific method.**

The Uttar Pradesh government acts tough against inmates found using cell phones inside prisons, saying they will face a jail term of three to five years or a fine ranging from Rs 20,000 to Rs 50,000 or both. It will also take steps to prevent outsiders from using false information to enter prisons in a bid to supply prohibited items to prisoner. Over 2,813 CCTV cameras have been installed in the jails of Uttar Pradesh since 2017. A command centre for the feed was established on 6th December 2019.

- **All the fugitives who are absconding on parole will be put back in jail within 45 days.**

The current Government has completed the prosecution of all 23 high-profile criminals who were absconding prior to the formation of the Government.

Police Assistance in 15 minutes

- **Police assistance will be ensured within 15 minutes of calling anywhere in the state by improving and expanding the 100-helpline number scheme in a big way.**

Unlike the usual Dial 100 service, UP100 uses high-end networking and GIS technologies to make emergency responses much quicker and decidedly more efficient.

The current government has established helpline on 26th October 2019. Along with this, 112 Helpline is available 24x7 with a force of 35825 presently.

Consequently, the response time reduced to 11.52 seconds in 2021 from 44.08 seconds when started. 4500 emergency response vehicles were also incorporated.

Action against Corruption

- **All the lands confiscated by the land mafia will be freed and the guilty will be punished by setting up an Anti-Land Mafia Task Force in every district.**

Delivering on the promise of cracking down on the land mafia which has plagued Uttar Pradesh, the Yogi Adityanath Government On 25th April 2017, set up Anti-Land Mafia Squads in Uttar Pradesh. It has also set up a high-powered task force in UP to ensure that the land mafia and the encroachers are brought to book and land or property grabbing can be stopped. The task force has been empowered to take action even against those who encroach on public land in the name of religion. The task force will be submitting a report on all illegal encroachments and action will be initiated against the perpetrators.

Till date from 8th May 17: 300096 out of 301712 complaints disposed of and a total of 66,528.89 hectares of land retrieved.

22984 revenue litigations

856 civil litigations

4398 FIRs

- **A special task force will be constituted for speedy and fair investigation of all corruption cases that have come to light in the last 15 years.**

The force is being set up for the protection and security of persons and installations notified by the state government. Purpose of the Force: The Ordinance provides for the state government to constitute the Uttar Pradesh Special Security Force, for the protection and security of notified persons or establishments^{xxiii}. This Uttar Pradesh Special Security Force Act, 2020 allows arrests without warrants which ultimately contributes to speedy and fair investigation of all corruption cases.

The Uttar Pradesh CM and his government taking a series of actions against corruption and other discrepancies, be top serving bureaucrats or politicians.

- **To completely eliminate illegal mining, a strong mining policy will be formulated and a special task force will be constituted to punish the guilty involved in illegal mining till date.**

On April 4, 2017, the Yogi cabinet decided to amend the Uttar Pradesh Minor Minerals Rules, 1963, to end the shortage of building material — sand and coarse sand. These amended rules incorporate provision of up to five year of imprisonment and Rs 5 lakh per hectare fine for illegal mining. This policy acts as a catalyst to eliminate illegal mining in the state.

Tackling Corruption

- **In Grade 3 and 4 government jobs, interviews will be abolished to ensure the recruitment process is without discrimination on the basis of caste and religion, respecting the constitutional reservation system.**

In order to ensure the recruitment process is without discrimination on the basis of caste and religion and respecting the constitutional reservation, the UP government no longer holds interviews for class 2 (non-gazetted), class 3 (clerical) and class 4 (peon etc.) posts and recruitment was made strictly on the basis of marks obtained in written examination as of August 2017. This has significantly helped in fair recruitment of candidates, solely based on their merit.

- **A special helpline will be set up directly under the supervision of the Chief Minister's Office to register complaints of corruption in the government.**

Chief Minister Yogi Adityanath launched a 24X7 toll-free helpline here for people to lodge complaints from anywhere in the state. Helpline established on 13th February 2018 can also be done at the IGRL portal by clicking the anti-corruption tab^{xxiv}.

After registration of a complaint, its proper follow-up will be done within the 3-4 days to make sure that it is redressed. At the same time, he warned those in the habit of sending false complaints, saying strict action will be taken against such persons to check misuse of the helpline for settling scores with anyone. This helpline number establishes a direct medium between people of Uttar Pradesh and the CM^{xxv}.

- **The E-tendering system will be implemented for all government contracts.**

The eProcurement System of Uttar Pradesh enables the Tenderers to download the Tender Schedule free of cost and then submit the bids online through the online portal, thereby making the process of procuring and bidding for the tenders easy, another step in bringing the govt closer to the people through technology and digital means^{xxvi}.

- **The Citizen's Charter will be implemented in a strong manner to make available all the services of the government to the people in a timely manner.**
- **Lokayukta Act will be made stronger and more effective in the state.**

The Lokayukta is from a non-political background and functions as a statutory authority probing into cases primarily related to corruption, government mismanagement, or abuse of power by public servants or ministers. Therefore, 2 additional UP Lokayukta posts created in the Lokayukta Sangathan. The Lokayukta investigates cases of corruption committed at state level, and once proved, recommends action. It is a great check on corruption, brings about transparency in the system, makes administrative machinery citizen friendly.

Legal Affairs

- **Computerisation of records of the court will take place**

Under the Yogi Adityanath Govt, the computerisation of records of the court has taken place, with a functioning E-Court as well as online Legal Affairs Department.

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Employment for all

- **70 lakh jobs and self-employment opportunities will be created in the next 5 years.**

In 4 years, 70.40 lakh persons have been provided loans through various banks of UP. Through Swarojgar Srijan, 2 crore people have obtained livelihood through the various Central and State Government schemes.

Speaking of UP's unemployment rate, it was over 17% in 2016, and as of 2021, it is 4-5%. This is a massive success as far as employment is concerned.

- **In every industry established in Uttar Pradesh, 90 percent jobs will be reserved for the youth of the state.**
- **Within 90 days of the formation of the government, the process of recruitment will be started in a transparent manner for all the vacant government posts in the state.** Uttar Pradesh (UP) Chief Minister (CM) Yogi Adityanath has sought information about vacant posts in all government offices and departments and has ordered officials to start filling them. According to sources, the Chief Minister asked officials to update him about the vacancies in government departments. CM Yogi has also directed them to begin the recruitment process in the next three months and hand over recruitment letters within six months.

Start-up Scheme

- **A start-up venture capital fund of Rs 1 thousand crore will be set up, through which work will be done to take the youth of the state from unemployment to self-reliance.**
- **The country's largest start-up incubator will be set up in the state.**

Yogi Government on 14th May 2019 established a 1,000-crore start-up venture capital fund in partnership with SIDBI.

As per the RTI RESPONSE: The Govt. of UP has so far contributed Rs. 15 crores. Rs 20 crore amount has been distributed till date by the SIDBI.

Besides, to set up the country's largest start-up incubator, as per the RTI response, 6 incubators under 2017 policy were established and 7 incubators under 2020 policy.

The Yogi Adityanath Govt. Keeping in mind the importance of start-ups and their growth has established a total of 13 start-up incubators till 2020, with 6 of them under the 2017 Start-Up Policy and 7 more under the 2020 start-up policy. Plus, 40 acres of land has been allocated for the establishment of the largest start-up incubator near Lucknow.

Skill Development

- **Modern Skill Development Center will be set up in each Tehsil which will focus on skills like IT, BPO, Logistics, Hospitality, Tourism etc.**
- **Placement assistance will also be provided to the youth in these centres.**

Uttar Pradesh Skill Development Mission is implementing the UP-Skill Development Programme in mission mode with a target of training the youth of Uttar Pradesh in short-term vocational trades. Modern Skill Development Center will be set up in each Tehsil which will focus on skills like IT, BPO, Logistics, Hospitality, Tourism etc.

Free laptop and Internet

- **Free laptops will be provided to all the youth of the state without any discrimination of caste and religion after enrolling in the college.**

Since e-learning is now a necessity, the Yogi government under the Swami Vivekananda Yuva Internet Yojana, facilitates 1 GB internet per month to all the youth of the state on enrolling in the college.

QUALITY EXTENSION IN THE EDUCATION SECTOR

Free Education

- **All girls will be provided free education up to the graduate level under the Ahilyabai Kanya Free Education Scheme.**

In order to provide free education to the girls, the State Government has announced Kanya Sumangala Yojana. The Kanya Sumangala Yojna is aimed at “improving the level of health and education in women and bringing a positive change in the mindset towards them”.^{xxvii} It was targeted to improve the health and education levels of girls, wherein Rs 1,200 crore has been allocated towards it in 2021 under which 7.57 lakh beneficiaries have been enrolled.

- **500 crore Babasaheb Ambedkar Scholarship Fund will be set up for higher education of students from poor families.**

The Department of Social Welfare, Government of Uttar Pradesh provides Scholarships (Dashamottar Chatravriti Yojana) for SC/ ST students. This is a centrally sponsored scheme launched w.e.f 2014-15 for the welfare of those DNT students who are not covered under SC, ST, or OBC. The income ceiling for eligibility is Rs. 2.00 lakh per annum. This scheme is implemented through State Governments/UT Administrations under which expenditure is shared between Centre and State in 75:25 ratio ^{xxviii}

- **All books, school uniforms, shoes and school bags will be given free of cost to the students coming from poor families till class 12th.**

To aid the children of poor families, Rs 1100 have been provided to the students to purchase all books, school uniforms, shoes, and school bags. Approximately 1.6 crore children have been benefited with Free uniforms, books and other material in Council Schools^{xxix}

Expansion of Education Institutions

- **10 new international level universities will be established in Uttar Pradesh.**

The state government has undertaken various outreach programs to improve the quality of education. In order to empower the education system of the state, the Yogi Government has established 9 universities in the State of Uttar Pradesh since 2017, with work in progress with regards to more Universities.^{xxx}

- **Free Wi-Fi facility will be made available in all colleges and universities.**

The Yogi Adityanath government in its first Annual Budget delivered on the promises of digitalisation and harnessing communications by allocating Rs. 50 crores towards the provision of free Wifi in colleges and universities.

At present, more than 70% of the Universities in Uttar Pradesh (both Private and Government-owned) have wi-fi facilities for students.^{xxxi} Furthermore, in order to improve the quality of education, government schools/colleges under the leadership of CM Yogi Adityanath have been given a major makeover. Operation Kayakalp is being undertaken in the State to modernize the schools and colleges with the latest facilities and minimum standards. Instead of establishing new schools, converted many existing government schools into English medium institutions by amalgamating traditional teaching methodology with tech-based learning through computers and projectors.^{xxxii} With a view to give special emphasis to research and development in the colleges and universities of the state, both public and private universities have been included in this scheme, and grants for Rs 15 lakh and Rs 5 lakh have been sanctioned to them.

- **A panel will be formed to organize the fees of private schools.**

The Uttar Pradesh Self-Financed Independent Schools (Fee Regulation) (Amendment) Ordinance, 2020 was promulgated on June 17, 2020. It amends the Uttar Pradesh Self-Financed Independent Schools (Fee Regulation) Act, 2018. The Act provides for the regulation of fees in self-financed independent schools in the state of Uttar Pradesh. The Ordinance allows the state government to regulate school fees in extraordinary conditions, emergent circumstances, or in public interest. It also replaces the existing

appellate authority with a new Divisional Self-Financed Independent School Appellate Authority.

Negotiable Help of Education Ministers

- **The employment problem of all the education friends of the state will be solved in a fair manner in three months.**

While realizing the issues related to *Shiksha Mitras*, on 20th September 2017, all the *Shiksha Mitras* employed in the State have had their salaries raised to Rs. 10,000 from Rs. 3,500. Additionally, they will be given weightage for the same during the selection procedure for Assistant Teachers.

Sanskrit Education

- **Reviving of Indian culture; back to the roots of Ayurveda**

The Yogi Adityanath Government in April 2017 announced that Yoga will now be mandatory and part of the Physical Education in Curriculum School, thereby delivering on its promise of inculcating Indian cultures in young children as well as promote physical fitness and health from a young age. 10999 such instructors are employed in Secondary Schools of the State.

- **Cultural experts will be appointed as tourist guides at tourist places.**

In order to provide easily accessible knowledge to the tourists visiting cultural places, 237 Trained Tourism Guides have been deployed at UP Tourism Spots to provide information to the tourists regarding the history and cultural importance. Thousands of more guides are expected to be commissioned soon.

- **An action plan with adequate resources will be prepared to promote Sanskrit Academy**

Yogi Adityanath launched the Madhyamik Sanskrit Shiksha Parishad on October 16th, 2020 to promote and inculcate the learning of Sanskrit among the youth of Uttar Pradesh. ^{xxxiii}

FREEDOM FROM POVERTY

- **Garib Kalyan Card will be distributed to all the poor of the state without any discrimination of caste and religion to take benefit of government welfare schemes.**

In order to cater to the needs of the poor in the state, 5.46 crore beneficiaries of Government schemes through the Aadhar Card have been observed. 138 DBT schemes under 27 departments of the state are functioning and delivering benefits to the poor people regardless of their Caste and religion.

Gareeb Kalyan Yojana

- **Every poor will get all major health facilities including surgery, critical care in government and empanelled private hospitals in a cashless manner through Garib Kalyan Card.**

With a view to provide every poor with major health facilities including surgery, critical care in government and empanelled private hospitals in a cashless, the UP government, undertook Ayushman Bharat Yojana, wherein insurance up to Rs 5 lakh is provided to every beneficiary. 1.18 crore citizens of Uttar Pradesh are eligible for this scheme. Under Mukhyamantri Jan Aarogya Yojana, 8.43 lakh families have been included. Similarly, 1.26 lakh under PM Jan Arogya Yojana have been covered. Cumulative coverage for both these schemes is around 8 lakh families.

- **Through Garib Kalyan Card, more than 1 crore poor families will be given housing loans up to 6 lakhs at concessional rates for construction of pucca houses with electricity, water and toilets**

Under the Pradhan Mantri Awas Yojana and Rajya Shahari Vikas Abhikaran, 178914 poor families have been given housing loans worth Rs 26924 crore from the banks of the state, thus ensuring the highest form of social security to the deprived sections of society.

- **Oil, salt, pulses, sugar, jaggery etc. will be provided to the poor welfare card holders in the ration at the lowest price.**

Under NFSA 2013, 4.58 lakh MT of Wheat and 3.12 MT of rice is distributed every month. Under the Yogi Adityanath Government, the people have also been provided with double fortified salt and other necessary items.

- **Adequate night shelters will be constructed for the shelterless in every district.**

Shelter homes for the poor: 194 have been established with capacity of 9157 persons. Under DAY NULM, 106 and under City Municipal, 88 shelter homes have been established. Furthermore, 13 more homes with a capacity of 775 have also been established recently.

- **Special emphasis will be laid on taking the benefits of Atal Pension Yojana to all the unorganized workers.**

The Yogi Adityanath Govt. has paid special focus to the implementation of the Atal Pension Yojana in the State in order to provide social security to unorganized workers in Uttar Pradesh, wherein Rs 1 Lakh is being given under Atal Pension Yojana from 2021-22. Also, under Shram Yogi Mandhan Yojana and NPS traders Yojana: 620199 and 11616 persons have been registered respectively.

BASIC AMENITIES

- **24 x 7 power supply will be ensured in every household in the state**

“Free electricity connections will be ensured to all poor families.”

The power sector in the State of Uttar Pradesh has made a tremendous progress in the last five years. In realising the objective of uninterrupted and affordable power supply to all and ensure that every un-electrified household in rural, as well as urban areas, are connected with power supply, the central government launched *Pradhan Mantri Sahaj Bijli Har Ghar Yojna- Saubhagya* in 2017. The State of Uttar Pradesh under the leadership of CM Yogi Adityanath has achieved 100% electrification of all the households and further ensured 23.21 hours of power supply in the cities and average of 20.5 hours of daily electricity in rural areas to every household^{xxxiv}. An average of 35.2 lakhs households have been electrified in the past four years and more than 1.4 crore households have been electrified under the *saubhagya* scheme since 2017.^{xxxv} The poor families who are not capable of paying applicable initial connection charges have access to stable and affordable power supply. The UP government took a major decision by providing free electricity connections to all the BPL households in both urban and rural areas in the State. Furthermore, the persons who are above poverty line were given 100% financing option with reasonable EMIs^{xxxvi}. Out of 97,814 Villages as per 2011 census the electrification of 97814 Villages, 99,462 Scheduled caste basties up to 31.03. 2020 have been carried out. The total number of consumers in the state and their connected load as on 31.03. 2020 is 2,87,11,917 and 62412 megawatts.^{xxxvii}

- **To provide safe drinking water to all households through piped connections."**

Since the launch of Jal Jeevan Mission, the state government has provided tap water connection to more than 29 lakh households.^{xxxviii} To accelerate the pace of implementation of Jal Shakti Mission has initiated the work for providing tap water supply to 78 lakh rural households in UP. So far, the State has provided tap water supply to 1,01,711 (82%) rural schools and 1,04,453 (60%) anganwadi centres.^{xxxix} The state has further started this project to ensure the supply of clean drinking water to every

household of Bundelkhand/Vindhya region. Under Bundelkhand region seven districts viz Jhansi, Mahoba, Lalitpur, Jalaun, Hamirpur, Banda and Chitrakoot are covered.^{xl}

- **Construction of toilets in all households in the state will be completed in the next 5 years.**

The Swachh Bharat Abhiyaan has been one of the landmark campaigns by the central government. As of October 2, 2019, Uttar Pradesh has achieved 100% toilet coverage under the scheme. This shows the Yogi Adityanath Govt.'s commitment to providing basic sanitation facilities as well as improving standard of living.^{xli}

- **All poor households will be provided free LPG connections."**
- **PNG LPG will be supplied through pipes to all metropolitan cities of the state.**

Pradhan Mantri Ujwala Yojana was launched by PM Modi in 2016 with an objective to make clean cooking fuel such as LPG available to the rural and deprived households which were otherwise using traditional cooking fuels which had detrimental impacts on the health of rural women. The UP government under CM Yogi has provided LPG connections to 1.5 crore families under this scheme.^{xlii} In the second phase, over 15 lakhs connections have been given to the intended beneficiaries in Uttar Pradesh.^{xliii} In reference to PNG connections, the UP government has laid a 22,000-km pipeline against a target of 35,000-km pipeline. Further, the work of laying a 4,000-km pipeline is under progress. Around 72,000 piped natural gas (PNG) connections had been given in Lucknow. The number of LPG connections had gone up in Lucknow and more connections were being given under unsaturated areas. The number of LPG retail outlets had gone up significantly in the state from 6,043 retail outlets to 9,810. The LPG distributorship had also increased by 33 percent. The number of compressed natural gas (CNG) stations had gone up from 115 in 2017 to 502 till date.^{xliv} With the help of the centre, the UP government will provide PNG connections to around 20 lakh families of eastern UP. The state government has started working on laying a 2050 KM long gas pipeline from Haldia in West Bengal to Jagdishpur in Uttar Pradesh under Urja Ganga Yojana Scheme.^{xlv}

Village Development Schemes

- **All villages in the state will be connected to the city through mini bus service."**

Since 2017, the government of Uttar Pradesh has connected 25,000 villages out of 38,200 with bus services and remaining 13,200 are being connected to ensure one time connectivity to the villages.^{xlvi}

- **All Panchayat Office Buildings will be modernized.**

The government is currently constructing or renovating offices for each of the 58,189 Gram Panchayats. Each Panchayat will get Rs. 1.75 lakhs to modernise its office. Panchayat offices are being constructed in 33, 577 villages while construction at 24,617 locations will be completed within three months. Of these, 2088 buildings will be constructed under Rashtriya Gram Swaraj Abhiyan and 22,529 under the Finance Commission and MGNREGA.^{xlvi}

- **To establish Chandrasekhar Azad Rural Development Secretariat for each of the 4 Gram Panchayats to ensure the benefits of all central and state government schemes.**

In the budget 2021-22, the UP government has proposed a provision of ₹ 10 crores for the establishment of 02 Chandrashekhar Azad Rural Development Secretariat in each Nyaya Panchayat. A total of 137 secretariats will be established in 67 Nyaya Panchayats.^{xlvi}

- **Bank branches will be provided in 25,000 villages in collaboration with Government of India and Nationalised and Commercial Banks.**

19559 bank branches, 64882 banking mitras, 84440 CBS banking centres, along with total 47624 banking outlets were established from 2017-18 to 2020-21 which is 190% of the target.^{xlvi} Further, the central government has approved the proposal of Uttar Pradesh government for setting up 700 new branches of banks and 700 ATMs in the state. The work has already started and will be completed in the month of March 2022.¹

Urban Development Schemes

- **Metro service will be extended to Lucknow, Noida and metro services will be introduced at Kanpur, Agra, Allahabad, Gorakhpur, Jhansi and Ghaziabad.**

Under the Yogi Adityanath Govt, the Metro project has been expanded in Noida, Greater-Noida and adjacent areas. The Chief Minister has also laid the foundation stone for the construction of Kanpur Metro and has instructed authorities to chart a blueprint for Gorakhpur Metro. ^{li}

- **Public traffic will be made more comfortable by introducing air-conditioned bus service in all major cities.**

On 7th May 2017, Chief Minister Yogi Adityanath flagged off 27 air-conditioned buses from his official residence, which have been launched to ensure a cheap, safe and comfortable journey to the people of the state. These 'Jan Raths' will provide AC journeys at cheap costs and the Scania and Volvo buses will give better facilities to high-income passengers as well. In April 2021, the Government announced the rollout of 700 electric buses across 14 major cities of Uttar Pradesh. ^{lii}

- **Ring roads, bypasses, underpasses and flyovers will be constructed in the cities.**

The BJP Govt. in Uttar Pradesh has made massive efforts towards developing the infrastructure of the State, developing roads, flyovers and other transport infrastructure to the tune of thousands of crores. 174 large bridges, 925 small bridges and 78 Rail bridges (total 1177) bridges are being constructed.

In 2021-22, UP government allocated amount of Rs 1932 crore for 6 flyovers with a cumulative length of 7.24 kms are being constructed at a cost of Rs 560.24 crore (4 Lucknow, 2 Bareilly) in order to solve the problem of traffic congestion. Similarly, projects worth Rs 1500 crores are being worked on (bypasses). In 2021-22, 26 bypasses roads, length of 248 km at a cost of Rs 453 crore have been undertaken. ^{liii}

- **Free Wi-Fi facility will be provided at major public places (such as bus stands etc.)**

The Uttar Pradesh Govt. in August 2017 launched free-wifi services at 74 bus stations which are spread across 66 district headquarters in the State. This is a significant step

towards increasing connectivity and access to the internet for travellers and is also a step towards achieving the nation's goal of becoming a Digital India.^{liv}

Basic Infrastructure

- **The entire Uttar Pradesh will be better connected by constructing road corridors connecting Mathura, Kashi, Jhansi and Gorakhpur.**

The Uttar Pradesh Industrial Investment and Promotion Policy which was brought in 2017 under the Yogi Adityanath Govt. asserted that the Govt. of UP intended to construct a road corridor connecting Mathura, Kashi, Jhansi and Gorakhpur, thereby connecting the entirety of Uttar Pradesh. Additionally, Lucknow to Gazipur – 345 km long Purvanchal Expressway, Etawah to Chitrakoot – 296 km long Bundelkhand Expressway, Azamgarh to Gorakhpur – 91 km long Gorakhpur Link Expressway were also ascertained. These projects will be developed under the PPP model. The projects are in the final stage for implementation.^{lv}

- **New airports will be constructed to improve air connectivity to the rest of the country in all the 6 regions of the state.**

To strengthen the air connectivity in the State of Uttar Pradesh, the Yogi government is committed towards this vision and has taken landmark decisions in the aviation sector which will provide impetus for development in Uttar Pradesh. Under Yogi government, the Kushinagar airport has been inaugurated and 5 more international airports are to be established in various regions of Uttar Pradesh including Gautam Buddh Nagar. Further the work on 11 airports, including two international aerodromes are progressing in the state.^{lvi}

- **The main tourist destinations of all the six regions of the state (Lucknow, Mathura, Vrindavan, Ayodhya, Prayag, Vindhyachal, Naimisharanya, Chitrakoot, Kushinagar and Varanasi etc.) will be connected with chopper services.**

Uttar Pradesh will soon start chopper taxi service, connecting prominent destinations across the state from December 2021. The heliport in Agra is ready, the process to prepare heliports at tourist hotspots has also begun.^{lvii}

Constitution Of Bundelkhand & Purvanchal Development Board

The BJP Govt. under the leadership of CM Yogi Adityanath in Uttar Pradesh who is dedicatedly working towards the progress and development of the Bundelkhand and Purvanchal Region has fulfilled its promise and constituted the Bundelkhand Vikas Board and Purvanchal Vikas Board in December 2018 which is closely monitored by the Chief Minister's Office.^{lviii}

DEVELOPED INDUSTRIES EASY TRADE

- **A new industrial policy will be introduced to boost investment in the state.**

The Audyogik Nivesh Evam Rozgar Protsahan Niti 2017 was introduced by the Yogi Adityanath Govt, thereby fulfilling the Sankalp Patra's promise of doing the same for the welfare of industries and businesses.^{lix}

- **A single window clearance development for industries will be created directly under the supervision of the Chief Minister's Office.**

The UP Govt. in the Udyog Nivesh Niti 2017 introduced the system for single-window clearance for Industries, thereby taking a step towards fulfilling the commitment of improving ease of doing business for industries in Uttar Pradesh. Over 226 services from 27 departments of the State are available on the Nivesh Mitra Portal.^{lx}

- **A Special Investment Board will be set up to triple the amount of investment in the state.**

On June 9, 2020, The Uttar Pradesh Cabinet under CM Yogi Adityanath approved the constitution of an Investment Promotion and Facilitation Agency in the State. This shows that the Govt. is committed to bringing an influx of large-scale investment for the advancement of Uttar Pradesh and its industries.^{lxi}

- **6 IT parks will be set up to promote technology and service sector in the state.**

Seven I.T. Parks have been identified and are in the process of development (Gorakhpur, Varanasi, Meerut, Agra, Bareilly, Kanpur, Lucknow).^{lxii}

- **Pharma parks will be set up in the state to meet the requirement and consumption of English medicines.**

The Uttar Pradesh Govt. implemented the 2018 Pharma Policy which says that Pharma Parks will be established in order to meet the demand for Allopathic medicines. In October 2018, the UP-Govt. Minister Siddharth Nath Singh announced that the State had received investment commitments worth Rs. 5000-6000 crores by the likes of

Pfizer, GE, Mylan etc. for the establishment and inception of 6 Pharma Parks in the State.^{lxiii}

- **Huge industrial parks will be set up on National Highways.**

The UP government has identified five spots for the development of industrial parks along the Agra-Lucknow Expressway, and the Bundelkhand Expressway and the Purvanchal Expressway that are under construction. The government has also directed the officials to create more land banks along the highways. In the first phase, the industrial parks will be built in Agra's Buhana village, which is located at the intersection of the Yamuna Expressway and the Agra-Lucknow Expressway; Hargaon village in Firozabad along the Agra-Lucknow Expressway; and Mohabbatpur in Mainpuri district along the same highway. The other two places identified are Bara village in Barabanki, along the Purvanchal Expressway; and Pohara village in Chitrakoot, along the Bundelkhand Expressway. Apart from the Purvanchal and Bundelkhand highways, projects under consideration are the Gorakhpur Link Expressway, the Ganga Expressway and the Ballia Link Expressway.^{lxiv}

Vishwa Karma Shram Samman Yojna

- **1000 crore will be implemented under which loans, equipment, technical assistance and market facility will be provided to traditional self-employed persons like Carpenter, Cobbler, Tailor, Basket Weaver, Barber, Goldsmith, Blacksmith, Potter, Confectionery etc.**

The Government of Uttar Pradesh have established INR 1000 Crore UP Startup Fund for providing access to finance to start-ups in Uttar Pradesh. The fund would be professionally managed and fund manager(s) shall be nominated/appointed to manage the UP Startup Fund, granted by the State Government. Vishwakarma Shram Samman Yojana launched on 26.12.2018. In the past 4 years, 68400 Traditional craftsmen have been provided free skilling and training and toolkits. This has been linked with the Mudra Yojana.^{lxv}

- **Local trade in every district of the state will be encouraged. Ceramics in Bulandshahr, Meerut Sports Goods, Glass in Firozabad, Locks in Aligarh, Knives in Rampur, Brass in Moradabad, Mint in Sambhal, Furniture in Bareilly, Perfume in Kannauj, Shoes and Petha in Agra, Leather in Kanpur, Carpet in Bhadohi, Saree in Banaras, Sugar in Balrampur, Jaggery in Muzaffarnagar, Chikankari in Lucknow etc.**

To encourage and promote the local trade in every district of Uttar Pradesh, the CM Yogi launched ODOP (One District One Product) in 2018. The ODOP created employment for more than 28000 people.^{lxvi} Amazon, Flipkart, Ebay, BoI, SIDBI, IIP, QCI, AKTU etc. agencies have been roped in for consultancy and intervention through signing various MoUs. Further, Loan of Rs. 2505 Crore provided to 31 thousand units.^{lxvii} ODOP products now account for 80 percent of UP's exports.^{lxviii}

Welfare Of Businessmen

- **A Board of Trade Welfare will be set up to protect the interests of traders in the state.**
- **A Special Arbitration Authority will be constituted in every district to resolve the disputes of traders.**

In February 2019, the Yogi Adityanath Govt. constituted a Welfare Board of Traders known as the Uttar Pradesh Vyapari Kalyan Board under the Chairmanship of former BJP Minister Ravi Kant Garg. This is an effort by the Govt. towards making administrative structure easy and for creating a favourable situation for business in the state.^{lxix} In addition to this, the government of Uttar Pradesh is also opening Mediation Centers, set up in every district under the Welfare Board of Traders.^{lxx}

- **The administrative structure for doing business in the state will be simplified and facilitated, which will provide a conducive environment for traders to trade.**

The Nivesh Mitra Initiative launched by the Yogi Adityanath Govt. has been a resounding success and has helped the State reach 2nd in the Ease of Doing Business Rankings amongst all Indian states. UP's feat is being attributed to the successful implementation of the Nivesh Mitra portal. In two years, Nivesh Mitra received

2,29,936 applications for No-Objection Certificates (NoCs) and 94% were disposed off. UP has implemented 186 of the 187 reforms suggested by the Union government's department for promotion of industry and internal trade (DPIIT) under BRAP 19.^{lxxi}

Small And Traditional Artisans

- **The dedicated freight corridors will ensure access to the markets of weavers and other traditional handicrafts of Uttar Pradesh.**
- **An e-Commerce portal will be set up with government-backed logistics. This will take the traditional handicrafts of the state to the international market.**

Uttar Pradesh has the largest stake in the Eastern Corridor of the Dedicated Freight Corridor Corporation as 1058 kilometers of the total length of 1856 kilometers falls in Uttar Pradesh.^{lxxii} One District one Product scheme launched to give impetus to the handicraft and E-Commerce portal launched. The main philosophy behind ODOP is to select, brand and promote one product from each district of India that has a specific characteristic feature or is native to that particular region/district and to enable profitable trade in that product and generate employment. ODOP Products now account for 80 percent of UP's total export.^{lxxiii}

- **Professionals will be trained in modern techniques of manufacturing, research and market understanding by setting up handicraft scouts in each of the six regions of the state.**

Ambedkar Hastshilp Vikas Yojana launched by GoI. and under the Yogi government more than 20,000 20,000 artisans from 96 clusters across the state have benefitted. Furthermore, two handicraft centres were established at the cost of Rs 20 crore by the State Government.^{lxxiv}

- **People belonging to Scheduled Castes and Backward Communities will be trained in handicrafts and home industry business.**

Steps like the Laundry Scheme have been implemented for the select sections of society. Furthermore, Yogi Adityanath Govt. has also mooted an entirely new policy to promote SC/ ST Entrepreneurs so that they can also be accommodated in the growth of the State. In the last 3 years 6600 people have been trained under these schemes from the Backward Class.^{lxxv}

WOMEN EMPOWERMENT AND EQUAL RIGHTS

Bhagya Lakshmi Yojana

- **In every poor family of the state, a development bond of 50 thousand will be given on the birth of a daughter. 3 thousand will be given if the daughter reaches class 6, 5 thousand on reaching class 8, 7 thousand on reaching class 10 and 8 thousand rupees on reaching class 12. 2 lakh will be given when the daughter turns 21.**

The UP Bhagyalakshmi Yojana was launched by Yogi Adityanath Govt. to financially benefit girls from poor families. Those who are natives in Uttar Pradesh and if they are born below the poverty line, a bond of Rs 50,000 is given to family members in the name of their daughter. This is just one of the many massive steps taken in the State towards empowering women. As of now 7.57 Lakh beneficiaries have been enrolled under the Mukhyamantri Kanya Sumangala Yojana launched on April 1, 2019.^{lxxvi}

Beti Bachao Beti Padhao

- **To ensure the education of girls, the Beti Padhao scheme will be implemented in the entire state.**

On the occasion of Maha Navmi in 2019, Uttar Pradesh Chief Minister Yogi Adityanath introduced the Mukhya Mantri Kanya Sumangala Yojana which is Rs 1,200 crore. This scheme is a financial assistance scheme for girls. Furthermore, Beti Bachao Bedi Padhao Andolan has also been implemented in 74 Janapadas of the State.^{lxxvii}

- **A 5001 amount will be given to the mother of the daughter through the welfare card on the birth of a daughter in poor families.**

Under the scheme of Mukhyamantri Kanya Sumangala Yojana, it was expedited that on birth of a girl child Rs 2,000/year, 1st Birthday: Rs 1000, on enrolment to 1st Class: Rs 2000, Class 6: Rs 2000, Class 9: Rs 3000, 12th Pass: Rs 5000 will be provided to promote and empower the education of a girl child.

Women's Safety

- **Three new women police battalions will be established. Avanti Bai Battalion, Jhalkari Bai Battalion and Uda Devi Battalion**

The Uttar Pradesh government laid the foundation stone of a residential complex of a Provincial Armed Constabulary (PAC) women battalion. The said women battalions of PAC will also be raised in Lucknow and Badaun.

It has been observed that the roll out of the scheme has impacted the enrolment of Female police force which has been increased from 1262 posts in 2019 to 3786 posts in 2021.^{lxxviii} In addition to curb the domestic violence cases the State government has initiated Women Powerline 1090 and 100 Fast Track Courts for Women with 1535 Police stations with women desks. 3786 posts have been created for women in the police force.^{lxxix}

- **Based on the opinion of Muslim women in the triple talaq case pending in the Supreme Court, the Uttar Pradesh government will present their side in the Supreme Court.**

To empower the Muslim women in their favour on 30th July 2019, the Parliament passed the 'Muslim Women (Protection of Rights on Marriage) Bill 2019' which makes the practice of Triple Talaq illegal and criminally punishable.^{lxxx}

- **Adequate number of women police personnel will be ensured in each police station.**

The women's help desks at the 1,535 police station were established in October, 2020 in the state under the government's Mission Shakti campaign. The CM has apprised that a "secret glass room" should be readied at every police station, providing a separate space to aggrieved women for speaking to female police personnel at ease and without any hesitation.^{lxxxi}

- **Three women police stations will be set up in every district of the state.**

To ensure women 's security, the provision of at least 1 female police station in each district in Uttar Pradesh has been made by the Government. Every district also has a

Human Trafficking Unit for prevention of crimes against Women and Children under the leadership of the CM.^{lxxxii}

- **Formation of Anti Romeo Squad**

The Yogi Adityanath Govt. After coming to power kept his promise of prioritising women's security by formation of Anti-Romeo Squads in the State. These squads were later renamed to Nari Suraksha Bal. With six cases on average registered every day and 3,003 people implicated over a nine-month period in 1,706 incidents after the formation of the Anti-Romeo Squad in the State. The Govt. reassured its commitment to the safety of women and girls in the state of Uttar Pradesh. Over 1,05,54,137 instances of checking have been done in 41,25,417 locations by the Nari Suraksha Bal (formerly known as Antiromeo squad) and over 10,000 cases have been registered and 44,06,107 warnings issued.^{lxxxiii}

- **Adequate number of public toilets will be constructed for women living in urban slums.**

Under the Swacch Bharat Abhiyaan launched by Prime Minister Narendra Modi in 2015, Uttar Pradesh has successfully achieved the status of Open-Defecation Free (ODF). 651 Municipalities have constructed 5 seat Pink Toilets for women. In addition, over 69292 toilet seats are present for women across Toilet complexes in Uttar Pradesh.^{lxxxiv} Under the Swachh Bharat Mission (Grameen), Uttar Pradesh made large strides within rural sanitation facilities by providing a toilet to every household.^{lxxxv}

Anganwadi Workers

- **It is necessary to increase the honorarium of Anganwadi assistants, mini Anganwadi workers and Anganwadi workers and improve service conditions in the state.**

In September 2018, the Honorable Prime Minister Shri Narendra Modi announced an increase in the wages of Anganwadi workers across the country. The Prime Minister announced the doubling of routine incentives given by the Union Government to ASHA workers. In addition, all ASHA workers and their helpers would be provided free

insurance cover under Pradhan Mantri Jeevan Jyoti Bima Yojana and Prime Minister Suraksha Bima Yojana. The Prime Minister also announced a significant increase in the honorarium given to Anganwadi workers. Those receiving Rs. 3000 so far, would now receive Rs. 4500. Similarly, those receiving Rs. 2200, would now get Rs. 3500. The honorarium for Anganwadi helpers has also been increased from Rs. 1500 to Rs. 2250. The Prime Minister also announced that Anganwadi workers and helpers using techniques such as Common Application Software (ICDS-CAS), would get additional incentives. The incentives ranging from Rs. 250 to Rs. 500, would be based on performance. The state government is providing Rs 750 per month from the Budget for the assistance of these workers during the covid 19 pandemic.^{lxxxvi}

The work and service of Asha Bahus is an important link in the field of rural health. After coming to the government, The CM constituted a committee and on the basis of previous progress report of 120 days, ASHAs honorarium is increased which has benefited over 8 lakh workers. The allowance of ASHA workers in the state was increased from Rs. 1000 to Rs. 2000 by the Yogi Adityanath Govt. in order to further empower the women healthcare workers of Uttar Pradesh.^{lxxxvii}

Vidhwa Pension

- **The amount of widow pension will be increased to Rs. 1000**

Since the inception of the Yogi Adityanath Government, Rs 58,31,84,65,000 have been utilised and 27,95,973 have been benefited under widow pension scheme. The age limit under the Vidhwa Pension Scheme has been removed by the Uttar Pradesh Government.^{lxxxviii}

HEALTHY FAMILY HEALTHY STATE

Provision of Ambulance in 15 minutes

- **By expanding and improving the ambulance service, the modern ambulance will reach far flung areas within 15 minutes of the call.**

As soon as coming in power, in April 2017 Yogi Adityanath as Chief Minister inaugurated the 108-ambulance service in Lucknow, Uttar Pradesh. These ambulances provide emergency services at a short notice of 15 minutes and are a tangible step towards ensuring fast delivery of emergency services to the citizens of the State.

As many as 1102 vehicles of '108' ambulances have helped in providing transportation to 224,832 people. The government's ambulance service played a vital role in winning the battle against covid-19.^{lxxxix}

Upgradation of Healthcare Facilities

- **Primary sub health centres equipped with modern facilities will be set up in every village.**

The Sub-Centre is the most peripheral and first contact point between the primary health care system and the community. Recognizing its importance, 8,500 Centres have already been established in the form of Health and Wellness Centre under the Ayushman Bharat Yojana. As on 31st December, conversion of 726 HCs were upgraded into HWC-SCs. Moreover, in the current financial year, the Government has announced the establishment of 5,000 new centres.^{xc}

- **Dispensaries dispensing generic medicines will be started in every block.**

In order to expand the outreach and accessibility of basic medical services, the government of Uttar Pradesh has started 122 Government Generic Medicine Centres along with approximately 1000 Private Generic Medicine Centres. The initiative began as soon as the government came into power in 2017 and statistics are recorded and maintained by the Bureau of Pharmaceuticals PSU of India.

- **25 new medical colleges and super specialty hospitals will be set up in the state.**
- **Institute of AIIMS will be established in 6 regions of the state.**

Taking a step towards stronger health institutions and services, over 30 new medical colleges have been sanctioned in the State. Out of these, 14 have been already established and functioning while 13 are under construction. The development of the remaining colleges is underway and are expected to start the next academic session of 2022-23.^{xcii}

In another significant decision, healthcare facilities in the Purvanchal region of Uttar Pradesh received a major boost with the inauguration of the All-India Institute of Medical Science in Gorakhpur by Hon'ble Prime Minister Narendra Modi and state Chief Minister Yogi Adityanath on 7th December 2021. Under the Yogi government, two AIIMS have been established in Gorakhpur and Raebareli while plans for 4 more are underway. Showcasing healthy centre-state alignment of interests, the Central Government has approved the setting up of one more AIIMS-like institution in the states of Uttar Pradesh under its PMSSY Scheme.^{xciii}

- **The delivery rooms in all the hospitals will be made state-of-the-art.**

With an objective to upgrade the stagnant quality of services in the healthcare facilities, the state government has taken impactful steps by developing state-of-the-art infrastructure including separate examination rooms, triage areas, labour delivery rooms, beds in all emergency rooms, new born care corner, maternal and newborn care units, birth companion units to name a few have been successfully established ^{xciii}

Indian Systems of Medicine

- **Yoga, Ayurveda, Homeopathy, Naturopathy and other popular Indian systems of medicine will be encouraged.**

The Yogi Adityanath Govt. has worked tirelessly for the promotion of indigenous medicines. Since 2017, 40 AYUSH wellness centres have been opened. Even during the COVID-19 pandemic, a large number of citizens were made aware of the immunity-

strengthening effects of AYUSH. The Govt. also launched an app 'AYUSH Kavach-Covid' for the citizens of Uttar Pradesh.

So far, 193 Yoga Wellness centres have been established. 429 Ayush Centres have been sanctioned, out of which 232 centres are entirely functional. Moreover, 70 acres of land allotted for the construction of National Ayush University which will be made through EPC mode. ^{xciv}

OUR RESOLVE ON IMPORTANT ISSUES

Cultural Heritage

- **The BJP has a clear stand on those issues which are related to the preservation of our rich cultural heritage.**

The efforts of BJP in reviving the cultural heritage in Uttar Pradesh can be witnessed with the central government's decision to set up the 'Indian Institute of Heritage' at Noida, Gautam Buddha Nagar so as to channelize education and research towards this field. Under the Pilgrimage Rejuvenation and the Spirituality Augmentation Drive (PRASAD) by the Ministry of Tourism, Mathura and Varanasi were identified for development to promote heritage. Constant efforts are taken up to treat the holy river Ganga as it holds valuable significance for Indians. ^{xcv}

- **BJP reiterates its stand on Ram Mandir: All possibilities will be explored for the construction of Ram temple in Ayodhya within the ambit of the Constitution.**

In one of the historic movements initiated by the BJP, On 5th August 2020 the country witnessed laying down of the foundation stone for the construction of the Ram Mandir in Ayodhya after a nearly three-decade long legal battle. The Supreme Court in its final verdict upheld the constitutional validity of the establishment of the temple. It was decided that the appellants – Shia Wakf Board – were to be allotted 5 acres of land in the city for the construction of a Masjid. Ram Mandir will be a modern symbol of Indian culture, eternal faith, national spirit and collective will power which will inspire generations to come. ^{x cvi}

Scheduled Castes and Scheduled Tribes Welfare

The amount of scholarship given to the students of Scheduled Castes and Scheduled Tribes will be increased and the limit of annual income of the parents of the students will be increased. The amount of scholarship given to the students of Scheduled Castes and Scheduled Tribes will be increased and the limit of annual income of the parents of the students will be increased.

Working towards welfare of marginalized sections, the Yogi Adityanath Government in Uttar Pradesh extended a diwali gift to the SC/ST students on 22nd October 2018. The decision was taken to increase annual scholarship from Rs 2250 to Rs 3000 and it was decided to include more children by increasing the income limit of the beneficiary families to Rs 2.50 lakh.^{xcvii}

- **Loans will be made available to Scheduled Castes and Scheduled Tribes for higher education at concessional interest rates.**

In a significant socio-economic outreach to the disadvantaged sections of society, the Uttar Pradesh Chief Minister transferred scholarships worth Rs 458.66 crore to meritorious students during a virtual conference. In addition, CM Adityanath's government has been imparting free coaching to students from SC/ST and minority communities under the 'Abhyudaya Yojana'. He has directed the Social Welfare Department to extend this scheme, currently being run in 18 districts, to all 75 districts.^{xcviii}

- **Assistance will be provided for the marriage of girls belonging to BPL families belonging to Scheduled Castes and Scheduled Tribes.**

In the 2018 state budget, Yogi Adityanath government proposed an allocation of Rs 250 crore for the 'Mukhya Mantri Samuhik Vivah Yojana' in order to provide financial assistance to the marriage of girls belonging to poor families from all sections below the poverty line. Furthermore, an amount of Rs 122 crore has been proposed for the marriage of girls from poor families of scheduled castes and Rs 82 crore for general category. Under the Chief Minister's mass marriage scheme, about 1.75 lakh girls have been married as of November 2021.^{xcix}

Tourism

- **Cultural tourism circuits will be made in the state by developing cultural tourism facilities in Mathura, Vrindavan, Ayodhya, Prayag, Vindhyachal, Naimisharanya, Chitrakoot, Kushinagar and Varanasi etc., such as Ram Circuit, Krishna Circuit, Buddha Circuit etc.**

The Uttar Pradesh government headed by Yogi Adityanath, since its inception, has been working towards reviving the state's culture and traditions through tourism. Delivering on the promise, a set of 12 tourism circuits have been established to boost religious as well as recreational tourism. Following are the new circuits that came under the chief ministership of Yogi Adityanath: Ramayan Circuit, Krishna-Brij Circuit, Buddhist Circuit, Wildlife and Ecotourism Circuit, Bundelkhand Circuit, Mahabharata Circuit, Shaktipeeth Circuit, Adhyatmik Circuit, Sufi Kabir Circuit, Jain Circuit, Craft Circuit and Swatantrata Sangram Circuit. ^c

- **A dedicated 24×7 State Tourism Helpline will be set up for tourist information, booking assistance etc.**

In April 2018, Department of Tourism, Uttar Pradesh launched the 24x7 phone helpline for tourists in Uttar Pradesh for inquiry, booking assistance etc. There are arrangements made to record incoming calls on the helpline and the police department have been appointed to resolve all complaints. Moreover, the tourist can get updates about places to visit, suitable modes of transportation and lodging through the helpline. ^{ci}

- **All the pilgrimage sites will be connected with a 4 lane highway.**

All the major pilgrim sites Ayodhya, Varanasi, Vindhyachal, Prayagraj and Mathura Vrindavan have been connected by 4 laned Purvanchal Expressway. Inaugurated on 16th November by Hon'ble Prime Minister Narendra Modi at Karwal Kheri in Uttar Pradesh's Sultanpur district. Speaking on the occasion, the Prime Minister said that "this is the expressway to the state's development and will show the way to a new Uttar Pradesh."^{cii}

Cultural Development

- **Provision for training will be made for the upgradation of folk artists.**
- **Grant will be given for musical instruments of folk artists**

On 31st March 2021, Uttar Pradesh Chief Minister Yogi Adityanath gave a big gift to the elderly and often neglected folk artists. For the first time in the history of the state, 65 thousand artists were extended a pension of four thousand rupees every month on

behalf of the central government. In addition to this, a health insurance cover of one crore rupees was also sanctioned for them as well as their dependents. By the end of 2021, 2000 artists were expected to be given the benefit of pension and insurance in the state.^{ciii}

Under the ‘Lok Kalakar Vadya Yantra Kraya Yojana’ the state government has kept a fund of ₹1 crore to help folk artists whose income have suffered during the time of the pandemic. Such a scheme has been initiated for the first time in the state and we hope ₹1 crore will be distributed among deserving artistes who are recognised by the department of culture.

- **Grants will be given for the promotion of films.**

Grants have been extended and made available in the state for shooting films. 15 Documentaries in English and Hindi have also been produced by the Government on various regions, arts, crafts etc. of Uttar Pradesh.

On September 19th 2020, Yogi Adityanath announced that a new film city will be set up in Uttar Pradesh, near Noida. Assuring “security, respect and conducive environment”, Uttar Pradesh CM Yogi Adityanath in December 2020 invited businesses to invest in the state of “unlimited possibilities”. The UP-chief minister met a slew of industrialists, film stars and producers in the same regard.

Addressing a press conference in Mumbai on December 02, Uttar Pradesh Chief Minister Yogi Adityanath said, “We want to build a world-class film city in Uttar Pradesh. We held discussions with several producers, directors, and other experts related to the film industry in this regard.”^{civ}

- **Kala Parishad will be established on the lines of Bharat Bhawan.**

In order to promote cultural protection and awareness, Sanskritik Sankul Bhavan is being established in Bateshwar, Agra. The constitutional objective is to establish a one-stop centre to embrace the cultural heritage of the state through its distinct artforms. The Kala Parishad is significantly placed in the paternal village of Shri Atal Bihari Vajpayee.^{cv}

- **Kabir Academy will be established for the development of regional languages and folk arts.**

The Prime Minister Shri Narendra Modi visited Maghar district on 28th June 2018 and paid homage to the great saint and poet, Kabir. On the occasion of the 500th death anniversary of the great saint, the Prime Minister, accompanied by the Chief Minister, laid the foundation stone for the Sant Kabir Academy. Sant Kabir Academy will function for the preservation and development of regional languages and popular arts of Uttar Pradesh. The work on this academy is projected to be finished by October 2021, however, due to the pandemic the projections have been slightly postponed. ^{cvi}

- **Art festivals will be organized in metros as well as district centres.**

Kala Utsav's are being organised across the State by the Government at multiple levels, along with cultural awareness programmes. Krishnotsav, Mathura, Rangotsav, Dipotsav, Ayodhya, Varanasi, Saean Jhula, Gorakhpur Mahotsav, 2019 Prayagraj Kumbh Mela etc are amongst the many other flagship cultural and religious programmes organised by the state government to promote and protect traditional values, entities and people engaged in them. ^{cvi}

Namami Gange

- **Steps will be taken on priority to clean Ganga, Yamuna and their tributaries with the help of the Central Government.**

The Namami Gange Programme and the conservation and cleaning of the holy rivers that flow through the State of Uttar Pradesh is top priority for the Uttar Pradesh Govt. under Yogi Adityanath. The Prime Minister himself has personally been reviewing and monitoring the progress and developments towards cleaning of the rivers. In a presentation made to the PM, UP government officials informed that 79 drains, which were earlier flowing into the Ganga untreated, have been tapped and work is on to tap 25 other drains. Efforts have also been made to stop untreated flow of industrial effluent into the river.

In January 2020, the Chief Minister took off on a 1358 km long Ganga Yatra in order to increase awareness about keeping the river clean amongst the citizens of Uttar

Pradesh. All departments of the central government that have a role in keeping the Ganga clean were asked to join the yatra.^{cviii}

- **Sewage treatment will be provided in all the villages situated on the banks of these rivers so that the dirty water can be cleaned before it is released into the river.**

In its 20th Executive Committee meeting held on 15th February 2019, sewerage infrastructure and other projects worth Rs.1387.71 Cr focusing on towns along river Yamuna have been approved. The projects involve construction and renovation of sewage treatment plants, online monitoring systems of sewage treatment plants and other infrastructure projects.^{cix}

Environment

- **Effective and environment friendly will be done for solid waste management in all the big and small cities of the state.**

The BJP Government in UP has been constantly working towards delivering in line with this promise. The government came up with an Urban Solid Waste Management Policy developed in 2017. More recently, the Cabinet gave nod to the Uttar Pradesh Solid Waste (Management, Operation and Sanitation) Rules on 2nd September 2021. It will soon be compulsory for households to segregate waste at source and for urban local bodies to implement door-to-door waste collection.^{cx}

- **Arrangements will be made to recycle the waste in the form of energy.**

Uttar Pradesh Government and Dutch company GC International on October 16th 2019 signed an agreement for setting up waste to energy power plants in Muzaffarnagar and Ghaziabad. Under the agreement, the company will invest Rs 2,000 crore for setting up the two plants in the two districts. Continuing efforts towards this, Yogi Adityanath laid the foundation of Waste to Energy Plant in a virtual way from Lucknow on 4th January 2022.^{cxii}

- **A modern treatment system will be installed to treat the dirty water in the areas near the leather factories and slaughterhouses and every effort will be made to keep the surrounding environment safe.**

The BJP Government under Yogi Adityanath has taken steps to reduce the pollution caused by effluents released by tanneries into the Ganga River. Tanneries across the state which did not comply with the disposal and discharge rules set by the Govt. were ordered to fix the problem/ shut down operations. ^{cxii}

- **To promote solar energy, solar panels will be made available at cheap rates.**

India, being the founding member of the International Solar Alliance, has shown the willingness and the importance of shifting energy consumption to renewable resources. Under PM Kusum Yojana, subsidies to 3957 small projects for solar panels have been provided by the Govt. In a bid to promote solar power plants, the Yogi Government has decided to waive off hundred per cent land registration fees for those willing to set up solar power plants. ^{cxiii}

- **Social Afforestation will be promoted.**

Under the Yogi Adityanath Govt., Uttar Pradesh released a new State Forest Policy in 2017 in which emphasis was given towards community afforestation and awareness towards protection of the environment. On July 5 2020, a record 25.87 crore plants were planted by 26 different departments of the Uttar Pradesh Government on a single day to increase awareness. Similar drives have been planned with the aim of planting over 65 crore trees in the next two years. As per the report of the Forest Survey of India, the forest cover in UP has increased by 127 sq kms in 2019 as compared to 2017. The report also stated that the state's tree cover is 3.05% against the national average of 2.89%. ^{cxiv}

- **Intensive tree plantation program will be run on national festivals, in which fruit trees will be promoted.**

On June 5 2020, the state of Uttar Pradesh planted a record 26.75 crore saplings of 201 types in a single day under the Van Mahotsav campaign. These saplings were flower, fruit, medicinal plants as well as those that grow with thick canopy. On 26th January,

15th August and 2nd October, afforestation and plantation drives will be undertaken and tree-plantation will be promoted.^{cxv}

Police Welfare

- **Health camps will be organized for free check-up for the police team and their families.**

Following are the statistical figures since 2017 with regard to the number of Health Camps for Police Force and Family:

2017: 223; 2018: 419; 2019: 274; 2020: 180; 2021: 87; Total: 1187

Moreover, the state sponsored the treatment for 21,404 police families during COVID-19 pandemic.^{cxvi}

Government Employees Welfare

- **Karmayogi Abhiyan will be launched for all government employees, motivating the employees to perform to the best of their ability.**

Showcasing healthy centre-state relations and an aligned dedication towards the cause, Mission Karmayogi was launched by Prime Minister Narendra Modi in September 2020 with the objective of enhancing governance through Civil Service Capacity Building through 6 fundamental pillars: (i) Policy Framework (ii) Institutional Framework (iii) Competency Framework (iv) Digital Learning Framework (v) electronic Human Resource Management System (e-HRMS) and (vi) Monitoring and evaluation framework.^{cxvii}

Ex-Servicemen Welfare

- **Three times the amount collected from the grant will be given by the government on Armed Forces Flag Day.**

In an attempt to appreciate and respect the constant efforts of the defense services of the nation, a small gesture was initiated by the government.

On 4th May 2018, UP Government under the chief ministership of Yogi Adityanath fulfilled the manifesto promise of the BJP by providing 3 times the contribution collected on Sashastra Sena Jhanda Diwas.^{cxviii}

- **Government will give a 4 percent subsidy in interest rates on loans up to Rs 3 lakh taken by ex-servicemen and their widows.**

The armed forces of the nation witness martyrdoms of many brave souls on a daily basis. While most perceive their deaths as a sacrifice, only a few realise that it becomes the responsibility of the state to look after the families they left behind for the nation.

In lines of ensuring welfare of ex-servicemen and their widows, the Government of Uttar Pradesh notified a subsidy of 4% in interest rates on loans up to Rs 3 lakh taken by ex-defense staff and/or widows.^{cxix} Through such policy relaxations, the state government's sensitivity and responsibility towards the armed forces and their sacrifice is met.

Advocate Welfare

- **On the death of advocates, the age limit of assistance to their families will be increased to 70 years.**

In a significant step towards the welfare of lawyers, Yogi Adityanath Government has decided to reduce the age limit for financial assistance given on the death of the advocates of the state. The family of the lawyer is now entitled for the compensation of Rs 1.5 Lakh after the age of 70 instead of the prior age limit of 80 years.^{cxx}

- **The amount of Advocate Welfare Fund will be increased from 1.5 lakh to 5 lakh.**

In July 2019, the Yogi Adityanath Government announced that the pension for Lawyers in Uttar Pradesh has been increased to Rs. 5 lakh in case of critical-illness, terminal diseases and/ or death, thereby reiterating the commitment and gratitude for the services of the UP Advocates fraternity.^{cxxi}

Senior Citizen Welfare

- **The old age pension amount will be increased to Rs.1,000 per month.**

The Yogi Adityanath Govt in its mandate, increased the old-age pension in the State to Rs. 500 per month from Rs 400 on 1 January 2019. On April 3 2021, 51.21 lakh old-age pensioners were given, which is a record high figure. The number of beneficiaries

of the old age pensions scheme has increased by 3 times with 14,68,847 new pensioners since the inception of Yogi Adityanath's Government in the state. ^{cxxii}

- **The government will fulfill the responsibility of making pilgrimages to senior citizens.**

The Kailash Mansarovar Bhawan was established in Ghaziabad under the leadership of CM Yogi Adityanath on 12th December 2020. It was initiated for the convenience and facilities for pilgrims through allowances worth Rs. 1 lakh and Rs. 20,000 for Kailash Mansarovar and Sindhu Darshan respectively. In other attempts to promote pilgrims, the state cabinet in June 2021 decided to set up two separate pilgrimage development boards — the Uttar Pradesh Shri Chitrakoot Dham Teerth Vikas Parishad and the Uttar Pradesh Vindhya Dham Teerth Vikas Parishad — for conservation of the cultural heritage and development of pilgrim stations of Chitrakut and Vindhanchal. ^{cxxiii}

Handicapped Welfare

- **Loans will be given on simple terms for employment of persons with disabilities in government jobs. Vacancies in the Divyang quota will be filled immediately.**

Fulfilling its manifesto promise, Chief Minister Yogi Adityanath transferred Rs 1,301.84 crore as pension to 86,71,181 beneficiaries on June 5, 2020 under the Integrated Social Pension Scheme. Out of this, 558.75 crores in pension were extended to the disabled persons, benefitting around 33,50,000 beneficiaries upto three quarters of 2021-22. In addition to this, over 3000 beneficiaries of Divyang Schemes are receiving pension upto Rs 20,000 from the State in the last three years according to an RTI. ^{cxxiv}

Sports

- **Eklavya Krida Kosh will be set up with an amount of 500 crores from government and private partnership, which will revive the already existing sports colleges and the students will be provided sports fellowship by the state.**

A great step has been taken by the State Government and the Directorate of Sports for financial assistance of needy players of UP. Under this, the Khiladi Kalyan Trust has

been formed. Through this, financial assistance will be given to the players. For the players who have to go out to play the National Championship or who do not have sports equipment, financial assistance will be given through the Eklavya Sports Fund.

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- **A sports university equipped with modern facilities will be opened in partnership with the government and private sector.**

The Yogi Adityanath Govt. charted out plans for a Sports University in Uttar Pradesh in 2017 and in 2019 budget provided Rs. 74 crore for the development of infrastructural facilities in various sports colleges and stadia across Uttar Pradesh. ^{cxxvi}

- **The government will make arrangements for training, nutritious food and international coaches for all the teams of the state.**

The UP Government has formulated a policy to develop sports academies with private participation in the state of Uttar Pradesh. There are 44 residential sports hostels with 890 player capacity within the stadium of 19 districts in the State. 3 sports colleges are set up in the district of Lucknow, Gorakhpur and Etawah respectively for adequate opportunities and skilled training for budding sportsmen and newcomers. More recently, Hon'ble Prime Minister Narendra Modi alongwith CM Yogi Adityanath laid the foundational stone for Major Dhyan Chand Sports University in Meerut on 2nd January 2022. UP Sports Department also pays special attention to the diets of the sports players by increasing the dietary funds of sports persons who are part of the residential sports hostel, sports colleges, central coaching camps and national championships. ^{cxxvii}

- **Special arrangements will be made to honor the players of the state who have won medals at the national and international level.**

UP Sports Minister Shri Chetan Chauhan, who is a former Indian opener, announced special provisions for athletes who excelled in their respective fields and/or receive a medal at international arenas. This includes rewarding Olympic Game medalists with cash prizes of Rs. 6.00 crore, Rs. 4.00 crore and Rs. 2 crore for gold, silver and bronze

medal winners respectively. The amount stands equivalent to the cash price rewarded by the central government. UP Sports Department also covers the Padam Shri and Padam Bhushan award winning eminent players and has a special provision of providing monthly financial assistance of Rs.20,000.00 to Arjuna, Dronacharya and Khel Ratan Awardees. ^{cxxviii}

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