crore rupees is the amount being spent on Kumbh Mela in year 2019

#### A whopping budget of Rs 4200 crore.... visit by delegates and diplomats of many countries... recognition as "Intangible Cultural Heritage of the Humanity" by UNESCO, the state government led by Chief Minister Yogi Adityanath has done remarkable work to make the Kumbh a spectacular event of all times. The chief minister has personally taken it as a mission to make Kumbh fully free from open defecation with sanitation and hygiene arrangements of international standards so that the pilgrims will take back the message of Swachh Bharat with themselves. The state government has taken every measure for the pilgrims, be it ration and food supply, arrangement of cooking gas through allotment of agencies in mela area, medical facilities to conveyance and a fool proof security system. The Kumbh starting from January 15 to March 4 2019 in all ways is going to be a "Divya Kumbh-Bhavya Kumbh".

# Historic development at Prayagraj

To get permanent facelift with 366 projects of Rs 4048 crore



At a review meeting at Prayagraj, Ultar Pradesh chief minister Yogi Adityanath had said that the city is witnessing a historic development. The statement of the chief minister came true when prime minister Narendra Modi inaugurated and laid foundation of infrastructure projects of over Rs. 4000 crore for the city. It includes foundation of sewerage infrastructure projects to the

tune of Rs 1671.59 crore & inauguration of projects worth Rs 199.65 crore. These projects will be a milestone in realizing the aim of 'Nirmal' and 'Swachh' Ganga. The prime minister also inaugurated the new airport complex at Bamrauli airport which has 8 check-in counters and a capacity to handle 300 passengers. The prime minister also inaugurated and inspected the

Integrated Command and Control System (ICCS) which will help to manage traffic and security during the mela period.

While taking a round of the city one can see the changing face of Prayagraj. About 15 lakh sq feet of attractive paintings under "paint my city" mission, construction of 10 road over bridges, expansion of 6 underpasses, upgradation of 10 railway stations show a mesmerising picture. Almost every major road (over 260) have been widened and 64 traffic crossings reconstructed and renovated to give a magical look of

The Ultar Pradesh government has not only given the city an inspiring new look but is also prepared for a "Divya Kumbh Bhavya Kumbh". All the ghats have been given a facelift alongwith other tourist places of the city. To ensure 100% ODF kumbh about 1.23 lakh toilets and 20000 dustbins have been installed in the mela area. A majestic tent city with 4000 premium tents is taking shape for stay of the pilgrims. The government has also arranged for Ganga Pandal, cultural pandal with a capacity of 10000 people alongwith shelter homes for 20000 people

The statement of chief minister Yogi Adityanath holds ground and truly, the city of Prayagraj will get a historical changeover before the start of Kumbh mela & times to

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#### with toilets in the state Clean Ganga at Kumbh

in the State

Industrial units in Kanpur will remain closed for 24 days and tanneries will also cut down production by 50 per cent to minimise pollution level in the Ganga during the Kumbh Mela at Prayagraj, according to a revised government order issued on December 15. The state government has taken the decision to keep the Ganga clean to facilitate devotees who take holy bath during the religious congregation. Earlier on July 29, the UPPCB had asked the tanneries to stop production from December 15, 2018 to March 15, 2019, in view of Kumbh. Following the directive, representatives of the industry urged the government to reconsider its decision as it would hit the industry hard. Issuing a revised order, joint commissioner, industries, directed the officials concerned to ensure that all industrial units which discharge waste into the Ganga to remain closed in phases during the next three months. According to the order, industrial units will remain closed in the first phase from January 12-15 and from January 18-21, in the second phase, industrial units will be closed from February 1-4. February 7-10 and February 16-19. In the final phase, industries will remain closed from March 1-4. Regional officer, UP Pollution Control Board (UPPCB), has directed the tannery owners to cut down production by 50 per cent till the Kumbh Mela concludes. According to the order, tanneries having the capacity of using more than 60 hides per day should maintain a record of chrome mixed waste water discharged after treatment.

## Novel gift for a healthy start

As a wedding gift, this one is truly novel, and useful from the word go. At least 18 couples returned home from their marriage ceremony carrying toilet seats, gifted to them by the organisers of the mass wedding. Inspired by Prime Minister Narendra Modi's "Swachh Bharat Mission", the organisers decided to give toilet seats to the couples instead of the usual crockery, suitcases, sewing machines etc, so that they start their new life in a healthy way Besides, the couples were also given a sapling and asked to plant it outside their house so that when it grows it does its bit to control air pollution. The mass

wedding programme was organized by the Jaiswal Samaj at Prayagraj President of Jaiswal Samaj gifted the toilet seats and sapling to each couple. The organizers of the mass marriage, said while members of the Jaiswal Samaj contributed a lot in the development of trade and commerce, they should also not lag behind in giving their contribution to the "Swachh Bharat Mission".

#### Swachh Survey 2019



\*Swachh Survey 2019" and Kumbh administration conducted \*point my ward' competition in the city. A painting competition was held at 80 wards of

paintings were made with participation of local residents, students and corporators. Heroes of comics like Chacha Chaudhary, Saabu were depicted to spread messge of cleanliness and hygiene.

### CM felicitates 'Swachhagrahis'



Prayagraj and said that kumbh will become "Divys and Bhavya\* only with ensuring cleanliness and hygiene. An oath taking ceremony was also held amongst the present officers and cleanliness workers in his leadership. The chief minister appealed everyone to make the Kumbh a grand affair so that city worldwide. About 10

"Swachhagrahi's" were felicitated by the CM. On the occasion he also said that under Swachh Bharat Mission 2.60 crore toilets have been constructed in rural areas and 10 lakh in urban areas which is a national record under the scheme

#### For A Better Kumbh.

To make Kumbh 2019 an event of unparalleled grandour, the Government of Uttar Pradesh has undertaken a slew of measures to ensure the efficient running of the meta-Unprecedented sustainable construction work is being done. Construction of flyovers road over bridges, railway under bridges, and road widening in the city are few highlights of the massive construction and upgradation tasks being undertaken to make Prayagraj ready for Kumbh 2019. All departments of the government are carrying out development works. These include key initiatives of upgradation of railway stations and the inauguration of the new Civil Airport at Bamraull, Prayagraj to cater to the incoming plignims and visitors from all over the world. Further, National Highways Authority of India is rebuilding and upgrading major highways connecting Prayagraj to Pratapgarh, Raebareli, and Varanasi. Pilgrims will also have the convenience of point-to-point ferry rides to travel to the bathing ghats as the Inland Waterways Authority of India is building five Jetties. 260 roads are being constructed and widened by Public Works Department (PWD). Parking spots are being constructed at short distances from the Sangam. More than 95 parking places have been identified, 18 of which are being developed as satellite towns, replete with public conveniences and vending zones, to enhance the experience of pilgrims. More than 500 shuttle buses and many CNG Erickshaws are to be deployed for carrying pilgrims. About 54 holding areas are being developed which will be used for waiting and resting of visitors at different areas in the city. For systematic and smooth traffic management, digital signage have been planned in the meta area, city and conveyance areas. For maintaining cleanliness and hygiene, and to host an open-defecation-free Kumbh, One lakh twenty three thousand toilets have been constructed by the administration. These will be complemented by modern techniques for septage management. Solid waste is to be collected in 20,000 dustbins that are to be deployed and will be transported out of the Mela area by 122 tippers and 40 compactors deployed accordingly. To provide a truly Divya and Bhavya experience, the mela area is being lit by setting up more than 42,700 LED lights. To facilitate tourists, a city of 4000 premium tents is being established on PPP model. Traffic management at Kumbh 2019 is planned to ensure coordination of traffic movement on multiple channels which will be integrated with google maps as well before the Mela. New deployment of telecommunication services, banking services and water ATMs are being carried out for the entire mela area.

# Uttar Prac Swachh B

The mission to keep the state clean and by enterprising citizens across the state, ridicule to make a difference at the loca

#### Women lead from the front

Every morning, sixty-year-old Mangra Devi leaves her house at 4 to check people from efecating in the open. Heading a group of

for a run. In order to bring about a behavioural change, we talk to them a encourage them to use toilets," says 5 who also goes on the patrol every mor Urmila, another member of the Nigyan Samiti says, "Earlier, several cases of diarrhoea were reported from the villa



11 elderly women comprising the village Nigrani Samiti' (vigilance committee), she and sustain the ODF status for her village for the last two years. Her village Ramchandrapur located in Mirzapur, was declared ODF (open defecation free) in January 2017. In a bid to keep the village clean, the group has been on its toes every morning, spotting people going to defecate in the open with water bottles. They take rounds of the village and teach such villagers the importance of using toilets. "When I came to this village as a newly wed bride four decades ago, there were no tollets in any of the houses. Women used to face inconvenience due to the absence of toilets To save my daughter-in-laws from this hassle, we got a toilet constructed in our house," Later, construction of toilets began under government schemes, including the Swachh Bharat Mission under which 145 toilets were built in the village. Today, all 274 houses have toilets equipped with an incinerator each. "Despite having a tollet at home, many were still defecating in the open. To check this practice, a vigilance committee was constituted and I was appointed as the leader," she says. "Our target is to spot people with water bottles. When we stop them, they say they are going

considerably after achieving the OOF status.\* The village which comes und Majhwa developmental Block has 274 households comprising a population of around 2,203. All 274 houses have, a each. As many as 145 toilets were but the village under the SBM while the remaining were built by locals. Chief development officer said "The village Samiti (vigilance committee) has done wonderful job in Ramchandragur, Loc women members of the committee pla crucial role in making the village OUF keeping a strict vigil to check open defecation. Ramchandrapur is an ODI village where each house has a tollet equipped with an incinerator. "There a three vigilance committees, one each comprising women, children and men village. "Ramchandrapur is among the 82,000 villages declared ODF in this s far. Since the communities have been toilets for over a year now, we are (10) that the village will be able to sustain i status. Members of the community sa cases of diarrhoea have reduced and turn expected to reduce sturting arrow children" said Wash specialist for Unic Chiranjibi Tiwari

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