

Raksha Mantri & UP Chief Minister perform Bhoomi Pujan for 14 development projects worth over Rs 100 crore at Lucknow Cantonment

Projects to strengthen water supply, education, healthcare, sports, sanitation, parking & civic amenities

Shri Rajnath Singh listens to PM Modi's 'Mann ki Baat' with around 4,000 people

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Raksha Mantri Shri Rajnath Singh and Uttar Pradesh Chief Minister Shri Yogi Adityanath performed the Bhoomi Pujan for 14 development projects, including 02 projects being implemented in collaboration with the state government, worth over Rs 100 crore at Lucknow Cantonment in Uttar Pradesh on August 30, 2026. These projects are: Artificial Intelligence based Solid Waste Management Plant; Multi-Utility Sports Complex; Modern Crematorium; 1500 KL Underground Reservoir; Replacement of old/outlived water supply pipeline; Construction of 08 Tubewells with SCADA Automation; Overhead Tanks with SCADA; Special School for Differently Abled Children in Lucknow Cantt; Construction of Additional Classrooms & Toilet at RA Bazar Madhyamik Vidyalaya; Construction of Additional Classrooms & Toilet at Rainbow Model School; Multi-Level Robotic Car Parking & Commercial Complex; and Legacy Waste-Bio-Mining & Bio-Remediation.



The two projects being implemented in collaboration with the state government are: RA Bazar City Polyclinic and Mukhyamantri Abhyudaya Coaching Centre. Raksha Mantri and the UP Chief Minister Shri Yogi Adityanath also listened to Prime Minister Shri Narendra Modi's 'Mann ki Baat' programme along with around 4,000 people.



In his address, Raksha Mantri stated that the initiatives reflect a comprehensive effort to improve civic amenities, education, healthcare, sports facilities, sanitation, cleanliness, water supply and urban infrastructure in the Cantonment. "The development of Lucknow Cantonment is closely linked with the progress of Lucknow. Coordinated efforts by the Centre and the State can accelerate development and good governance," he added.

Crediting the leadership of Prime Minister Shri Narendra Modi, Raksha Mantri asserted that India is moving forward with the resolve to become a 'Viksit Bharat' by 2047. He emphasised that Viksit Bharat does not merely mean grand projects and modern buildings; but also means children receiving quality education, clean water reaching every household, youth getting opportunities to play and showcase their talent, and a differently-abled child never feeling left behind by society. He reiterated the Government's commitment towards ensuring that development directly improves the people's quality of life.



Referring to the renaming of several markets in Lucknow Cantonment, Raksha Mantri stated that names associated with the British era have been replaced with those of prominent personalities of India's freedom struggle and national life. Royal Artillery Bazar has been renamed Ekta Bazar, British Cavalry Bazar as Uda Devi Bazar, British Infantry Bazar as Matadin Valmiki Bazar and another British Infantry Bazar as Mangal Pandey Bazar, while Kanedy Market has been renamed Atal Bihari Vajpayee Market. The initiative seeks to connect future generations with India's heritage and inspire national service, he said.

UP Deputy Chief Minister and Health Minister Shri Brajesh Pathak, UP Minister of State Shri Asim Arun; General Officer Commanding-in-Chief, Central Command, Lt Gen Anindya Sengupta; Member of Parliament in Rajya Sabha Shri Dinesh Sharma; Lucknow Mayor Smt Sushma Kharwal; Director General of Defence Estates Smt Shobha Gupta; CMD HAL Shri Ravi K; CMD BEL Shri Manoj Jain; and senior officials of the Defence Forces, Central & State governments and Lucknow Cantonment Board were also present on the occasion.



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