

**Agra Theme Park give fresh impetus  
to tourism in the state : Chief Minister**

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**MoU signed between the UPSIDC and the Kingdom Company**

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Uttar Pradesh Chief Minister Mr. Akhilesh Yadav has said that the Agra Theme Park was set to be a game changer in the tourism sector and would provide a big impetus to tourism in the state. This, he added, would also enliven the rich cultural and historical heritage of India which will help students, tourists and research scholars.

Through this project, he pointed out, detailed information about India, specially Uttar Pradesh will also be available. Terming the theme park as an innovative project, the Chief Minister said it would also generate many direct and indirect employment. The Chief Minister was today speaking at his official residence, after the signing of an MoU between the UPSIDC and the Kingdom Company.

Mr. Manoj Signed the MoU on behalf of the UPSIDC while celebrated film actor Mr. Sanjay Khan signed it for the Kingdom Company. Mr. Yadav said that this project will create infrastructure properties in and around the area and will generate anxiety amongst visitors to visit it. As a result of this, economic activity would also happen in the region.

The theme park will be developed under the aegis of the Kingdom Company and the UPSIDC. The Rs 10,000 crore project would have themes of seven cities, which would be available for seen through a mono rail. This would include ancient, medieval, modern history and glimpses of the cultural heritage which will include Mohan Jodaro, Patliputra, Ramayan and Mahabharat era. This will carve a special place for the state globally.

He added that the project will be developed over ten years in four phases. The first phase would be complete in around three years and added that investment for this would be readily available. Principal Secretary (Tourism) Mr. Navneet Sehgal said this project would boost tourism in the state in a big way and would hold back the people coming to Agra and hitherto moving to Jaipur or any other state.

The Agra-Lucknow Expressway would also be a big boost to tourism and the film policy will add to it, Mr. Sehgal added. Before this, MD of UPSIDC, Mr. Manoj Singh said that the state government has provided the Corporation in a joint venture and informed that this theme park being developed on a thousand acre stretch on the Agra Ring road will also have a pandaal named 'Swayamvar' which would be used for theme based weddings.

He also informed that all necessary approvals and NOC's for the project have already been attained. The project would be developed in a eco-friendly manner and that 12,000 people will get direct and indirect jobs because of the theme park, he added.

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