



UP Foundation Day 2025 | Uttar Pradesh | 25 Jan 2025

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Uttar Pradesh, **celebrating 75 years as a state**, was renamed from the [United Provinces](#) in 1950 and plays a pivotal role in India's politics and economy.

- The state has grown in **political and economic prominence**, setting ambitious goals like becoming a **trillion-dollar economy**.

Key Points

- **Uttar Pradesh Foundation Day 2025:**
 - **The theme** for Uttar Pradesh Foundation Day 2025 is "**Development and Heritage: Uttar Pradesh on the Path to Progress**".
 - The state government will confer the '**Uttar Pradesh Gaurav Samman**' award on **six individuals** from the fields of **music, agriculture** and **education** during the **state foundation day**.
- **Historical Significance:**
 - Uttar Pradesh, formerly known as **United Provinces**, was renamed on **24 January, 1950**, by the [governor general of India](#) through the **United Provinces (Alteration of Name) Order, 1950**.
 - The state began celebrating 24 January as [UP Foundation Day](#) in **2018**, following a suggestion by governor **Ram Naik**.
- **Political Importance:**
 - The state contributes **80 Members of Parliament** to the [Lok Sabha](#), giving it considerable influence in national politics.
 - It has produced **nine Prime Ministers**, including the current **PM, Narendra Modi**, who represents **Varanasi** in Parliament.
- **Economic Aspirations:**
 - Uttar Pradesh strives to move beyond its **BIMARU (economically underdeveloped)** tag and achieve a **trillion-dollar economy** status.
 - **BIMARU:** Bihar, Madhya Pradesh, Rajasthan, Uttar Pradesh
- **Introduction of ODOP Scheme:**
 - The [One District One Product \(ODOP\) scheme](#) was launched during the **first Foundation Day** celebrations in **2018** to promote local industries and crafts.
 - The occasion is aimed to launch new schemes and initiatives aimed at boosting the state's development and welfare.

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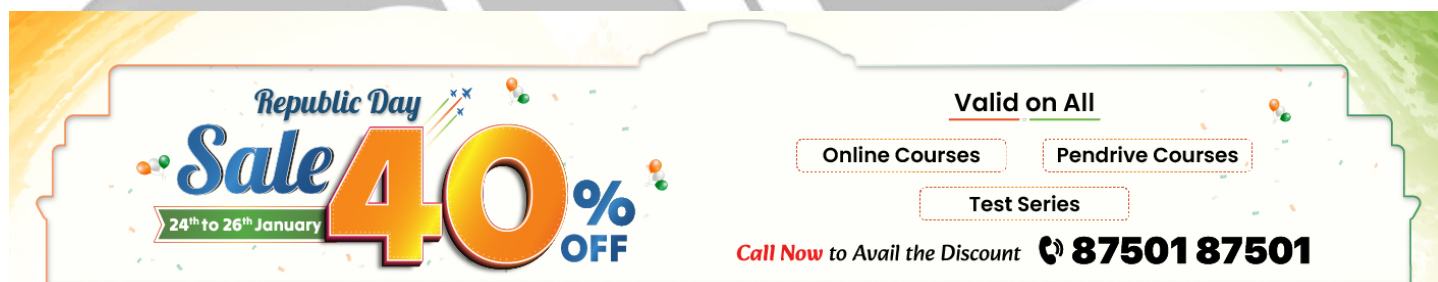
Uttar Pradesh's **first double-decker bus restaurant**, named **Pumpkin**, has been inaugurated at the Media Centre in the [Maha Kumbh Mela](#) area, Prayagraj.

Key Points

- The restaurant serves exclusively **vegetarian** and **satvic food**, catering to the religious atmosphere of the **Kumbh Mela**.
- Designed to be affordable, it aims to accommodate the budgets of common devotees.
- Founder of the **Pumpkin brand** announced plans to expand the **brand** to other religious destinations such as **Kashi, Mathura, and Ayodhya**.

Maha Kumbh

- **Kumbh Mela** comes under [United Nations Educational, Scientific and Cultural Organization \(UNESCO\)'s Representative List of Intangible Cultural Heritage of Humanity](#).
- It is the largest peaceful congregation of pilgrims on earth, during which participants bathe or take a dip in a sacred river.
 - It takes place on the banks of the [Godavari river](#) in **Nashik**, the [Shipra river](#) in **Ujjain**, the [Ganges](#) in **Haridwar**, and the confluence of the **Ganges, Yamuna**, and the mythical [Saraswati river](#) in **Prayagraj**. The confluence is referred to as the '**Sangam**'.



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