

## **Chief Minister greets people on Navratri festival**

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Uttar Pradesh Chief Minister Yogi Adityanath ji has greeted the people of the state on the festival of Navratri and has said that praying to Goddess Durga has a major importance in Indian culture. Participation of various sections of the society in the Navratri festival and Durga Puja, the Chief Minister mused, strengthened social harmony.

The Chief Minister further said that the state government was committed to providing all possible facilities to pilgrims at Shakti Peeths, Devi temples to pilgrims.

Giving this information, state government spokesman Mr. Shrikant Sharma said that to ensure that there was no inconvenience to devotees, the Chief Minister has instructed police, administrative, transport, power, health and local bodies to ensure that proper and adequate preparations are in place ahead of the festivals.

For safe travels of devotees, Dharshan and return journey, additional buses are being arranged for and for safety of devout, divers are being arranged for in Shakti Peeths which have ponds or rivers. Instructions have also been issued for 24x7 power supply and arrangement of additional transformers as well.

For spruced up healthcare and medical facilities, all chief medical officers (CMOs) have been asked to be on standby to meet any emergency and to ensure that medicines and other things are in place during the festival. Medical camps will also be set up near important Devi temples and district magistrates, the municipal commissioners have been asked to ensure cleanliness and make available potable water during the nine-day festival.

Maximum public utilities near these temples, mobile toilets, sprinkling of lime powder around places where people's movement would be maximum and to ensure adequate drinking water supply have also been asked for. District administrations have also been asked to ensure that no contaminated or adulterated food items are sold near these temples.

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