Uttar Pradesh renames Bhadohi as Sant Ravidas Nagar Bhadohi

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News

On **4 October 2026** Uttar Pradesh Chief Minister **Yogi Adityanath** announced at Bhadohi that the district will now be called **'Sant Ravidas Nagar Bhadohi'**, in honour of the Bhakti saint **Sant Ravidas**. He also opened or laid stones for **112 projects worth over ₹1,340 crore**.

Key facts

30 June 1994	Bhadohi carved out of **Varanasi** district as UP's **65th district**
Mayawati (BSP) rule	Known as **Sant Ravidas Nagar**
2014	Samajwadi Party government restored the name **Bhadohi**
4 Oct 2026	Renamed **Sant Ravidas Nagar Bhadohi**

Background

- **Bhadohi** is the **'Carpet City of India'**, between Varanasi and Prayagraj; HQ **Gyanpur**. **Bhadohi handmade carpets** got a **GI tag in 2010**. The **Indian Institute of Carpet Technology** is at Bhadohi.
- **Sant Ravidas** (15th–16th century) was a **nirguna Bhakti** saint born at **Seer Govardhanpur, Varanasi**. **40 of his hymns** are in the **Guru Granth Sahib**. Tradition calls him a guru of **Meera Bai**. He dreamt of **'Begampura'**, a city without sorrow or caste.
- A **district** is renamed by the **State government** by notification. A **State's** name can be changed only by **Parliament under Article 3** (simple majority, after the President refers the Bill to the State

legislature for its views).

Tamil Nadu link: Madras State became **Tamil Nadu** under the **Madras State (Alteration of Name) Act, 1968**, effective **14 January 1969**, under **C.N. Annadurai**. The city **Madras** became **Chennai** in **1996**.

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