

# Yogi to inspect Purvanchal e-way today

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Lucknow: Seeking to expedite construction of Purvanchal expressway, Chief Minister Yogi Adityanath will inspect the progress of the project at six locations in Ghazipur, Azamgarh and Sultanpur on Monday. The expressway is touted as one of the key development projects of the Yogi government in the run up to the next year's UP assembly elections.

The CM's inspection of the expressway, which will connect Lucknow with Ghazipur, comes close to the completion of four years of his government. The expressway worth Rs 22.494 crore will be opened for light vehicles next month and is expected to get fully operational later this year.

It is being constructed by the Uttar Praedesh Expressway and Industrial Development Authority (UPEIDA).

The 340-km-long expressway will pass through seven UP districts including Amethi and Ayodhya. A state government spokesperson said the expressway would fulfil the dream of people seeking to drive from Lucknow to Bihar.

The project, spokesperson said, would boost economic development of east UP besides opening employment avenues. "It would be the biggest gift to the people of UP this year," he said, adding that the upcoming Bundelkhand expressway, Ganga expressway, Gorakhpur link expressway and defence corridor would also change the face of the state.