

Purvanchal Expressway to put UP in fast lane of devpt

PM Modi To Inaugurate On November 16

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Lucknow: The inauguration of the Purvanchal expressway by Prime Minister Narendra Modi on November 16 will pave the way for a slew of development projects in eastern UP.

The expressway has been completed in record 36 months, said UPEIDA CEO Awanish Awasthi. "Just a few patches on the expressway have been affected by water-logging because of heavy rains," he said.

The Purvanchal expressway, which will be linked to Yamuna expressway (connecting Agra with Delhi) via Lucknow-Agra expressway, will complete the economic lifeline to boost development in Uttar Pradesh, said Awasthi.

Industrial areas which will be part of Purvanchal Expressway Industrial Corridor (PEIC) will comprise 12 districts, including eight districts of Barabanki, Amethi, Sultanpur, Ayodhya, Ambedkarnagar, Azamgarh and Mau through which the expressway will cut through before culminating in Ghazipur.

The other four districts which will come in the ambit of the PEIC include CM Yogi Adityanath political backyard of Gorakhpur, Jaunpur (ne-



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Purvanchal Expressway Industrial Corridor

Barabanki | Food products, wood products, pharmaceuticals, electrical equipment

Amethi | Food products

Sultanpur | Food products

Jaunpur | Textiles, other non-metallic mineral products, fabricated metal products (except machinery, equipment)

Azamgarh | Food products

Ghazipur | Food products, beverages, chemical and electrical products

Mau | Food products, textiles and other non-metallic mineral products

Ayodhya | Food products and beverages, textiles, other

IN NUMBERS

➤ Total financial outlay
₹22,497cr

➤ For land acquisition:
₹7,380cr

➤ Civil construction:
₹12,562cr

➤ Other cost: ₹2,555cr

non-metallic mineral products, fabricated metal products

Gorakhpur | Food products, textiles, wood products, coke and refined petroleum products, pharmaceuticals, basic metals, fabricated metal products, medical and dental instruments and supplies

Ambedkarnagar | Food products, textiles, other non-metallic products

Ballia | Food products

Sant Kabir Nagar | Food products

ighbouring PM Narendra Modi's parliamentary constituency of Varanasi), Ballia and Sant Kabir Nagar. In all, 21 sites with a combined area of 9,171 hectares have been identified for being developed as part of PEIC. While two sites each have been identified in Barabanki, Amethi, Sultanpur, Jaunpur, Azamgarh, Ghazipur, Sant Kabir Nagar, Gorakhpur, Ambedkarnagar, one site each is proposed to be developed as industrial area in Mau, Ayodhya and Ballia. The biggest industrial land parcel of 1,234 hectares has been identified in Ghazipur, followed by 949 hectares in Gorakhpur.

Fighter planes to land on expressway

AF fighter aircraft will land and take off from a 3,300-metre-long airstrip constructed in Purvanchal expressway near Koorebar in Sultanpur, when PM Modi inaugurates the project on November 16. UPEIDA has prepared this airstrip for use in emergency situations. Earlier, Mirage 2000, Jaguar and Sukhoi 30 have landed on Lucknow-Agra Expressway.

Amethi represented by Union minister Smriti Irani will witness an industrial area coming up in an area of 855 hectares, while in Azamgarh, the parliamentary seat of SP chief Akhilesh Yadav, the state government has identified 854 hectares under PEIC. Significantly, provisioning industrial development

in Azamgarh, comes close on heels of the state proposing a university for the district, for which the foundation would be laid by home minister Amit Shah on November 13. Likewise, Ambedkarnagar happens to be a BSP bastion with party MP Ritesh Pandey representing the parliamentary seat in Lok Sabha.