

## INFRASTRUCTURE

# Within 27 Months, Uttar Pradesh Govt's Bundelkhand Expressway Completes 94 Per Cent Work



A section of Bundelkhand Expressway in Uttar Pradesh (UPEIDA)

### Snapshot

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- CM Yogi Adityanath has taken up this expressway to accelerate development in the Bundelkhand area, especially in less developed districts like Chitrakoot, Banda, Hamirpur, and Jalaun.

Bundelkhand Expressway in Uttar Pradesh has reached overall progress of 94.4 per cent, and the remaining construction is going on at a fast pace.

While clearing and grubbing (C&G) and earthwork in the main carriageway is complete, Granular Sub Base (GSB) and Wet Mix Macadam (WMM) works on the expressway have reached 99 per cent and 99 per cent, respectively.

Also, Dense Bituminous Macadam (DBM) work has reached 98 per cent, and 868 out of 881 structures on the expressway are complete.

The 296-kilometre-long expressway was proposed by Chief Minister Yogi Adityanath in April 2017, just months after he took office for the first time. Prime Minister Narendra Modi laid the foundation stone for constructing the expressway on 29 February 2020.

Despite two waves of Covid-19 induced restrictions and a severe rainy season in 2021, the Uttar Pradesh government has achieved over 94 per cent completion within 27 months since laying the foundation.



The first sign board recently installed on Bundelkhand Expressway (@dupadhyay79/Twitter)

Bundelkhand Expressway begins at village Kudrail in district Etawah on the Agra-Lucknow Expressway and ends near Bharatkoop in Chitrakoot district.

Yogi Adityanath's government in Uttar Pradesh has taken up this expressway to accelerate development in the Bundelkhand area, especially in less developed districts like Chitrakoot, Banda, Hamirpur, and Jalaun.

This expressway will be four lanes (expandable up to six lanes) with six lane-wide structures.

A service road of 3.75-metre width will be constructed on one side of the expressway in a staggered form so that residents of nearby villages of the project area may get a smooth transportation facility.

The construction cost is estimated to be more than Rs 7,700 crore. The project has been divided into six packages. Contracts have been constituted with developers like Apco Infratech, Ashoka Buildcon, Gavar Construction and Dilip Bildcon.

With the construction of the expressway, the Bundelkhand area will be linked with a fast and smooth traffic corridor to the Agra-Lucknow expressway and Yamuna expressway, thus further connected to the National Capital Region (NCR Delhi).