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Additional chief secretary, home and chief executive officer, Uttar Pradesh Expressway Industrial Development Authority (UPEIDA), Awanish Kumar Awasthi inspected the progress of the construction works of the expressway in Etawah district on Tuesday.

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The 296-km access controlled green field expressway starts near Bharatkoop in Chitrakoot district and merges with Agra- Lucknow expressway near Kudrail village in Etawah district. The expressway will pass through Chitrakoot, Banda, Mahoba, Hamirpur, Jaluan, Auraiya and Etawah district, he said.

The four-lane expressway – expandable up to six lanes, has four railway over bridges, 14 large bridges, 266 small bridges, 18 flyovers, six toll plazas and 7 ramp plazas. To provide access to the villagers settled near the expressway, service lane has been constructed in a staggered form, he said.

As the Bundelkhand expressway gets operational, the area will be linked with a fast and smooth traffic corridor with Delhi and National Capital Region through Agra- Lucknow expressway and Yamuna expressway.

The expressway will give momentum to development of the backward region of Bundelkhand while giving thrust to agriculture, commerce, tourism and industrial sector. The state government plans to develop an industrial corridor along the expressway to boost the investment in the region. The entrepreneurs can set up industrial training institute, educational institutions and medical institutes near the expressway. It will also give thrust to handloom industry, food processing, dairy, storage and traditional medium and small-scale industrial units in the Bundelkhand region, he said.

The major rivers of Bundelkhand, including river Ken, Betwa, Yamuna, Bagen, Chandrawal, Birma and Sengar flows near the expressway.

The scheduled date of completion of the Bundelkhand Expressway project is 2023, and the construction of the expressway has been completed in 27 months.