

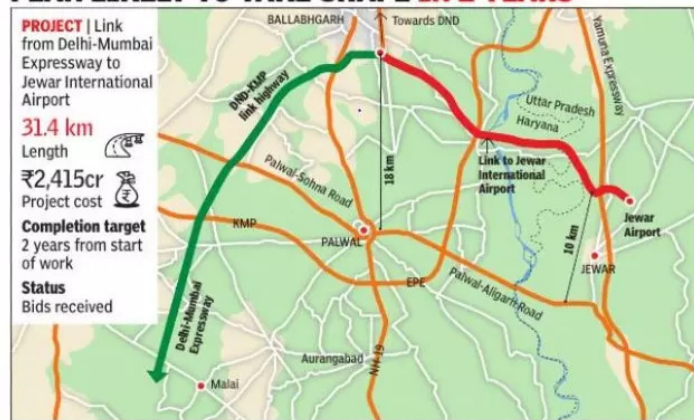
Delhi-Mumbai expressway will be linked to Jewar airport

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NEW DELHI: Union road transport and highways minister Nitin Gadkari has announced that the under-construction Delhi-Mumbai Expressway will be linked to the upcoming Jewar International Airport in the next two years. He said the ministry has given approval for the Greenfield connectivity project, which would require an investment of over Rs 2,400 crore. The National Highways Authority of India (NHAI), which is executing the project, has received over a dozen bids for the 31.4 km long 6-lane expressway link. Officials said the work will be awarded by the end of this month.

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In a series of tweets, the minister said, the construction of greenfield connectivity to Jewar International Airport from Delhi-Mumbai Expressway will provide connectivity to Agra, Mathura and western Uttar Pradesh as well. The new link will start from Ballabgarh on the stretch that's being constructed between KMP Expressway and DND Flyway in Delhi to provide direct connectivity to the national capital. The will also provide a better and shorter alternative to people to reach the new airport from Delhi.

The Jewar link project also includes a bridge over Yamuna. Most part of the this project falls in Haryana.

Last year, Prime Minister Narendra Modi had laid the foundation stone for the Noida International Greenfield Airport at Jewar, which will be completed in four phases. The airport will have good approach roads from all directions.

NHAI started preparation for the link expressway project soon after the government had bid out the work for the new airport at Jewar so that the road connectivity is ready by the time the airport becomes fully functional.