

UP road infrastructure will match that of US: Gadkari

40 Bypass Projects Also In The Pipeline

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Lucknow: Union road and transport minister Nitin Gadkari on Monday announced that 40 bypass projects worth around Rs 41,000 crore would be constructed in UP, giving a huge push to development and connectivity in the state.

Inaugurating various road and development projects worth almost Rs 8,500 crore along with Chief Minister Yogi Adityanath on Monday, the minister said UP was making rapid strides in agricultural development, infrastructure improvement and industrial growth. "Under the leadership of Prime Minister Narendra Modi and CM Yogi Adityanath, we are making eight greenfield corridors in UP, which will be very helpful in the development of the state," he said.

The minister said under efforts being made by the PM and CM on alternative sources of energy, the country will soon become an exporter of energy.

"This would help change the fate of farmers and they would contribute to making India an economic super power. To strengthen the economic condition of the country, there is a need to lay more emphasis on ethanol production," he said.

The minister added that "CM Yogi Adityanath is continuously working for the state's development. Under his leadership, UP will become number one state in the country in the coming times." Farmers will advance, they will find work, and UP's road infrastructure will match that of the United States."

ALL ROADS LEADING TO UP

PROJECTS IN DEORIA

₹1,735cr
22-km four-lane Deoria bypass

₹1,348cr
15-km long four-lane Salempur bypass

₹2,060cr
45-km long two/four-lane road at Nawalpur-Sikanderpur section

₹700cr
25-km long two-lane road from Tamakuhi Raj-Bihar border-Majhauhi Raj section

₹372cr
21-km long two-lane road at Salempur-Mairwa section



UP CM Yogi Adityanath & Union minister for road transport and highways Nitin Gadkari in Pratapgarh on Monday

PROJECTS IN PRATAPGARH

₹1,290cr
43-km long four-lane Pratapgarh-Sultanpur road

₹333cr
21-km long two-lane Chilbila-Lohia Nagar paved shoulder road

₹325cr
11-km long four-lane CC road on Bhupiyamau-Gode section in Pratapgarh

₹225cr
Two-lane paved shoulder bypass from NH-31 to NH-330 of Pratapgarh

₹27cr
Street light, high mast light and development of shelters in Pratapgarh district

Road infra has given a huge push to urbanisation: Yogi

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The projects in Deoria, the CM said, would also benefit Bihar and neighbouring districts.

"The work done in infrastructure by Gadkari could not be accomplished in 70 years of independence. Nitin Gadkari does not have the word 'no' in his dictionary. The foundation stone for a four-lane road which will connect Pratapgarh to Prayagraj is also crucial in light of the 2025 Maha Kumbh which will be held in Prayagraj," the CM said.

The CM added that a network of express highways was being laid in UP while interstate connectivity had also become excellent.

"Every district headquarter

was being connected to a bypass and the road infrastructure had given a huge push to urbanisation, which would in turn strengthen the economy," Yogi said.

Pratapgarh too, the CM said, had touched new heights of development. A medical college had been opened there, while housing had been provided to 54 lakh people in the district under the PM Awas Yojana.

Speaking about his recent trip to Varanasi for G20 summit, the CM said the foreign delegates who were in the city to attend the meetings "were overwhelmed when they saw four-lane roads there".

"Varanasi is connected to Lucknow, Prayagraj and Gorakhpur with four-lane roads. When our foreign visi-

tors saw Ganga, they were astounded by its purity. Today UP has emerged as a model of development and law and order under the leadership of the Prime Minister. Only those whose unethical activities have stopped are questioning UP's law and order. We would not have received investments of Rs 35 lakh crore at the Global Investor Summit if law and order had not improved," Yogi said.

Speaking in Deoria, the CM said the BJP government was looking to turn the closed Gauri Bazar and Baitalpur Sugar Mills into a sugar complex.

"We have filed a petition for this in the Supreme Court and work will be initiated as soon as the decision is taken," he said.