

# Industrial parks to come up at 5 sites alongside E-ways

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The Uttar Pradesh government has identified five sites to develop industrial parks alongside Agra- Lucknow, Purvanchal and Bundelkhand expressways.

In the first phase, the industrial parks will be built in Agra's Buhana village located at the intersection of the Yamuna and the Agra-Lucknow expressways, Hargaon village in Firozabad and Mohabbatpur in Mainpuri district, both along the Agra-Lucknow Expressway.

The other two places identified are Bara village in Barabanki along the Purvanchal Expressway and Pohara village in Chitrakoot along the Bundelkhand Expressway.

Beside industrial parks, the state government has also decided to develop land banks along the expressways and highways in the state.

"The land banks will be utilised for setting up industrial units in the future on the demand of entrepreneurs. Setting up industrial units will help in transportation of goods within 10 to 12 hours across any corner of the state," said an official release.

Till 2017, the year when Yogi Adityanath came to power , Uttar Pradesh had two operational expressways — the 165-kilometre-long Yamuna Expressway, which links Agra with the National Capital Region, and the Agra-Lucknow Expressway, stretching 302 km. These projects were completed over a period of nine years between 2008 and 2017.

The Yogi government not only executed the 340-km-long Purvanchal Expressway linking Lucknow with the eastern-most district Ghazipur within the targeted time frame but also extended it to Ballia.

Gorakhpur is also being linked to the Purvanchal Expressway through a 92-km-long link expressway. Before the previous UP assembly elections, the 296-km-long Bundelkhand Expressway was completed.

Work on the state's sixth and longest expressway, the 594-km-long Ganga Expressway, is in progress and targeted to be completed by the end of 2025.

When all the expressways that Uttar Pradesh is working on are completed, almost every second district of the state will have an expressway passing through it.