

# Upcoming airport in UP would be bigger than IGI, says Gadkari

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Gadkari said the road link was important as the upcoming airport would be bigger than IGI airport in Delhi. "We had a few rounds of meetings with the UP government officials and they are on board for this road link. This project is crucial to provide faster connectivity to the airport," said an NHA official.

Sources said this road link would be around 30 km and nearly 80% of the stretch will fall in Haryana.

The rest will be under UP. The NHA has already awarded the work for extending the Delhi-Mumbai Expressway from Sohna to DND flyway via Ballabgarh.

On the Delhi-Dehradun new link, Gadkari said this will reduce the distance between the national capital and the capital of Uttarakhand. The NHA has already received bids for the first two packages of this project, Akshardham to Delhi Border and Delhi Border to Eastern Peripheral Expressway

intersection in Baghpat.

"The bids are being evaluated. The land acquisition for another 118 km of this stretch is at an advanced stage. The processes are being expedited for award of works of the remaining portions," said an NHA official.

This stretch from Akshardham to Delhi will be 210 km and will be completely access controlled. Currently, commuters need to take a longer route via Roorkee and Haridwar to reach Dehradun from Delhi.