## Nearly 44% work complete onBundelkhand e-way: UPEIDA

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Lucknow: Nearly 44% of the work on Bundelkhand Expressway has been completed as on February 20, according to UP Expressways Industrial Development Authority (UPEIDA).

A senior official said that 95% of clearing and grubbing work and 78% of earthwork had been completed. Out of 818 structures, 466 had been completed, he added.

Chief Minister Yogi Adityanath had recently announced that the Bundelkhand Expressway would be inaugurated in April.

The length of the expressway will be marked by four railway over bridges, 14 large bridges, six toll plazas, seven ramp plaza, 266 small bridges and 18 flyovers. The project will link Bundelkhand districts with Delhi via the Agra-Lucknow Expressway.

A government spokesman said the project would benefit Chitrakoot, Banda, Mahoba, Hamirpur, Jalaun, Auraiya and Etawah districts and boost industrial activities in the region to contribute to the state's economy.

The expressway will start in Chitrakoot district near Bharatkoop on Jhansi-Allahabad national highway-35 and connect with the Agra-Lucknow Expressway near Kudrail village in Etawah. The expressway will be 296.07 km long.

Officials associated with the project said the four-lane expressway is expandable up to six lanes.

"While the width of right of way (ROW) of the project is 110 metres, a service road of 3.75-metre width is also being constructed simultaneously to facilitate smooth transportation of locals in villages along the expressway," the official added.