

₹235cr set aside for 2 link e-ways

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Finance minister Suresh Khanna has set aside Rs 235 crore for Jhansi Link Expressway and Chitrakoot Link Expressway, which will be joining the Bundelkhand Expressway. The two expressways will link the towns they will originate from — Jhansi and Chitrakoot Dham — with the Bundelkhand Expressway.

Khanna informed the House that Bundelkhand Expressway has been completed and industrial clusters are under construction on both sides of the expressways. A proposal of Rs 600 crore special Bundelkhand package has also been proposed. Rs 750 crore has been proposed for tackling loitering cattle in the state.

Five cattle rearing centres have been proposed in each of the seven districts of Bundelkhand for stray cattle. Rs 40 crore has been proposed for enhancing consolidated tourism in the Bundelkhand region.

₹40K cr push for better connectivity

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To enhance commuting experience, the government has made a budgetary allocation of over Rs 40,000 crore for improving road connectivity in the state.

The network of existing expressways will be broadened to improve accessibility of tourist and economic centres. It includes widening of carriageways, building bridges and linking new towns and villages with the existing network.

Budgetary allocation was made for commissioning of the ongoing link route that will facilitate movement of commuters from Purvanchal Expressway to Gorakhpur. An amount of Rs 200 crore will also be provided to create an industrial corridor near the Gorakhpur link route.

Officials said the land banks along the two expressways (Purvanchal and Bundelkhand) will be developed to promote industrial activities.

Metro rail projects get ₹1,150 crore

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The undergoing and upcoming Metro rail projects, which are set to boost public transport infrastructure in the state, have been allocated Rs 1,150 crore in the budget.

State finance minister Suresh Khanna said that Rs 585 crore has been allocated for Kanpur metro, while Rs 465 crore has been allocated for Agra metro. Further, Rs 100 crore has been allocated for DPR on Varanasi, Gorakhpur and other metro projects. The DPR which comprises compressive mobility plan on high density route and alternative analysis report (AAR) for metro operation is being prepared by Rail India Technical and Economic Service (RITES) and private consultancy Urban mass transit company limited (UMTCL). According to official sources, the total cost of the Kanpur metro project is Rs 11,068 crore—which includes construction of two corridors.

₹1,306 crore budget boost for RRTS

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Less than 20-days after the Centre allocated Rs 3,956 crore to Delhi-Ghaziabad-Meerut RRTS (Regional Rapid Transit System), the government wheeled in its share of Rs 1,306 crore. The move could expedite the 82km project which has 70km long elevated track and 12km of underground track.

Over Rs 12,000 crore has been spent on construction of a 17km long priority section between Sahibabad to Duhai which is expected to be commissioned by June 2023 by National Capital Region Transport Corporation Ltd (NCRTC). The corridor is expected to be completed by 2025 with a total expenditure of Rs 30,274 crore.

Once commissioned, around 8 lakh commuters will travel daily with RRTS. There will be 24 stations in the entire corridor, out of which 13 stations will be in Meerut for the local transit services (Meerut Metro).