

‘Will reach Patna from Lucknow via Purvanchal e-way in 4 and half hrs’

East UP Will Get Better Connectivity With Chhapra, Patna, Buxar

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He added, “Today is an important day for Ballia. Under the leadership of Prime Minister Narendra Modi and Chief Minister Yogi Adityanath, we are committed to bring investment and industrial development in the region by expanding the network of world-class highways. The launch of the greenfield expressway is a reflection of this commitment. It will benefit the people of Ballia and Bihar, as the travel time to reach Delhi, Lucknow or Patna will reduce drastically after its completion.”

“With the construction of this expressway, it will be possible to reach Patna from Lucknow through Purvanchal Expressway in just four and a half hours. Ballia to Buxar will be reached in half an hour, Ballia to Chhapra in one hour and Ballia to Patna in one and half hour,” he said adding, “With the completion the greenfield expressway, eastern Uttar Pradesh will not only get a better connectivity with Chhapra, Patna, Buxar in Bihar but vegetables produced by Ballia farmers will also reach the mandis of Lucknow, Patna as well as the multi-modal terminal of Varanasi.”

He also gave details of other highway projects. “Ghazipur and Haldia will be directly benefitted. The greenfield road from Chandauli to Mohania, being constructed at a cost of Rs 130 crore, will provide connectivity to Chandauli in UP and Kaimur districts of Bihar through the Delhi-Kolkata GT

EXPRESSWAY OF DEVPT

► **131km Greenfield Expressway** will connect **Manjhi Ghat on Bihar border** with **Purvanchal Expressway in Ghazipur** via **Ballia**

► **Buxar (Bihar)** will be connected to **Greenfield Expressway** with a **17km link four-lane road**

► **Purvanchal and Greenfield Expressways** will reduce travel time between **Patna & Lucknow** to **four and a half hours**

► Distance between **Ballia & Buxar** will be covered in **half an hour**



ROADMAP: Union minister Nitin Gadkari looks at the model of eway

► Distance between **Ballia & Chhapra** will be covered in **an hour**

► Travel time to **Patna from Ballia** will be **one and a half hour**

► **Vegetables farmers of Ballia** will be able to deliver products to **Lucknow, Patna & multi-modal terminal of Varanasi**

Road,” he said, adding after completion, the Saidpur-Maradah Road in Mau people will get direct connectivity with Varanasi via Saidpur. Besides, better connectivity with other cities of the state will boost the economic and social condition of the region’s backward areas including Azamgarh.

During his address, he also announced a new 28-km greenfield spur route between Ballia-Ara at a cost of Rs 1,500 crore, ring road for Gorakhpur of Rs 2,381 crore and 13 rail overbridges Rs 8,500 crore.

Highlighting the achievements especially of expanding the highway and expressway network, Gadkari reiterated that “roads in UP will match the standard of those in the US by

2024”. He said that he was fulfilling all the promises he had made to the people.

In his address, UP PWD minister Jitin Prasad expressed his gratitude to Gadkari for gifting highway projects to the east UP region. “The state has witnessed an increasing number of national highways — from 48 to 90 — under the Modi government in the past nine year,” Prasad said while assuring the people of Ballia that the Yogi government will take up the requirements of Ballia on a priority.

UP minister Dayashankar Singh raised the demand of a four-lane Fefna-Haldi road and Gadkari assured to fulfil it. Local MP Virendra Singh said that the government has focused on



strengthening the road network to boost the economy of the farm sector of the district and region.