

Sangam to get India's longest river ropeway

Project Worth ₹250cr To Be Ready By 2025

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Prayagraj: By 2025, Sangam City (Prayagraj) will get the proud distinction of having the country's longest ropeway across a river. Ground survey, needed to put in place a number of amenities that would follow the ambitious Rs 250 crore project, would be taken up by the Prayagraj Mela Authority.

The survey for putting in place several amenities along with the ropeway would be based on the old detail project report (DPR). An agreement regarding this has been reached in the meeting held with Prayagraj Mela Authority and defence authorities.

The proposal to build a ropeway to give visitors a panoramic view of the Sangam was conceptualised in 2018, ahead of 2019 Kumbh Mela. The proposal and DPR were both approved by govt. A survey was conducted of the ropeway route from Triveni Pushp, Someshwarnath Ghat and over the Sangam up to Ulta Qila of Jhunsi. To build a station near Ulta Qila in Jhunsi, land was acquired and govt land was obtained near Triveni Pushp in Arail. But the project was held back.

Now, as preparations have intensified for Maha Kumbh 2025, govt included ropeway among the important projects. Its DPR and alignment were changed, and now, this

PROJECT DETAILS

Total length | 2.2km

Area required | Over 16500 sq m

Travel time across river | 7 mins

No. of stations | 2

Technology used | Bi-Cable Detachable System (2S)

Capacity | 15,000 people per hour per direction (PPHPD)



No of towers | 3

Cabin capacity | 10 people

Time to complete the project | 18 months

UP112 motor boats to rush to pilgrims' aid

Prayagraj: To cater to the need of thousands of pilgrims and devotees arriving at the banks of Ganga for holy dip and boat ride, UP Police, on Wednesday, launched 24x7 emergency services on the waves of Sangam by deploying two UP 112 motor boats as police response vehicles. Besides deployment of personnel of Jal Police and PAC (Flood Control), this is the first time state police has introduced two police response vehicles on the river. The UP 112 motor boat service has been launched during the Magh Mela in view of Mauni Amavasya snan scheduled on Friday, when around 2 crore devotees are likely to take a holy dip. Additional DG (UP 112) Neera Rawat said, "Duties of UP 112 personnel from different districts of the state have been assigned on the Magh Mela campus."

ropeway will go from Shankar Viman Mandapam temple near Bade Hanuman temple and fort to Arail bandh road under the first phase. The Army had recently raised objections to this DPR, citing security of the fort, which the ropeway is proposed to pass over. Later, the ministry of defence issued NOC.

"The city side station of the ropeway will be built near Shankar Viman Mandapam temple (near Hanuman temple) and after crossing the fort, it will end at the second station at Triveni Pushp of Arail road," said Prayagraj Development Authority vice-chairman Arvind Kumar Chauhan. He added that total length of the ropeway would be 2.2km and will comprise 15

cable cars, each with capacity to accommodate 10 persons. This will also shorten drastically the time to cover the same distance between Viman Mandapam and Triveni Pushp, he added.

He also said that Army would be paid value of the land used by the administration for the project, while some land was being taken on lease.

"This unique project of amalgamation of religious faith and technology will enhance tourism in the city and will come up with a number of amenities like automatic doors, restaurant, lockers, automatic ticket vending machine, parking facility, restroom, changing rooms, escalators etc," said Chauhan.