

Purvanchal & Bundelkhand e-ways to have service hubs

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Lucknow: To transform Uttar Pradesh into a developed state, Yogi govt has initiated process of promoting e-way service hubs on two major expressways in the state.

The Uttar Pradesh Expressways Industrial Development Authority (UPEIDA) has identified 12 locations along the Purvanchal and Bundelkhand expressways for the development of e-way service hubs in line with CM's vision.

The e-way hubs will feature a wide range of facilities, including retail-commercial

shops, hotels, dhabas, food courts, theme parks, resorts, banquet and wedding halls, warehousing and logistics facilities, automobile showrooms and workshops and truck user zones. UPEIDA has invited proposals from private agencies on public-private-partnership mode.

Four sites will be developed as e-way hubs on the 296-km Bundelkhand Expressway, eight hubs will be developed along the 341-km Purvanchal Expressway.

Under the project, 120 plots will be allocated at 12 locations on 30-year lease period in a gra-

dual manner. To make the project financially viable and lucrative UPEIDA will not seek any upfront payment from the agencies and seek annual lease rent once the e-way hubs become operational. It is estimated that Rs 6.50 crore would be required to set up the e-hub with wayside amenities.

In another important development on Tuesday, public sector undertaking MIDHANI (Mishra Dhatu Nigam Limited) has been selected as the lead special vehicle purpose member which would set up a facility in Lucknow node of defence corridor. Ministry of de-

fence inked an MoU with UPEIDA on Tuesday to provide support with technology, resources, research and development to companies and agencies which take up land in the industrial corridor in UP.

While MIDHANI would provide support along with other partners in mechanical and material domain, HAL and BHEL would help augment capacity as the lead SPV in the field of unmanned aerial system and communications.

Additional CEO UPEIDA, Srihari Pratap Shahi said, "MoU would attract private investments into the state."