

UP pushes work on link eway network

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Lucknow: The UP govt led by chief minister Yogi Adityanath, is working towards enhancing road connectivity across the state by developing a comprehensive network of expressways and link expressways. These link expressways are designed to connect two or more long-distance expressways, thereby reducing the distance and travel time between towns, officials said.

Several link expressways (LEs) are currently under construction or in the planning stage, including the Ballia LE (131 km), Chitrakoot LE (15.2 km), Agra-Lucknow ex-

pressway to Purvanchal expressway spur (61.6 km), Ganga expressway to Agra-Lucknow expressway via Farrukhabad LE (93 km) and Yamuna expressway to Ganga expressway via Bulandshahr LE (84 km). The govt also intends to develop solar parks, electric vehicle charging stations and public convenience centres along the link expressways, officials said.

The National Highways Authority of India (NHAI) has allocated Rs 1,600 crore for the construction of the Ballia LE which will connect Ghazipur to Ballia. Chitrakoot LE, linking the Bundelkhand Expressway to Ahmedganj, will initially be a 4-lane carriage-

way with a provision for future expansion. The spur connecting the Agra-Lucknow expressway to the Purvanchal expressway will be 6-lane. Similarly, the link expressway via Farrukhabad, connecting the Agra-Lucknow expressway and Ganga expressway will also be 6-lane.

The UP expressways industrial development authority is considering linking Ganga expressway to the upcoming Jewar airport in Greater Noida by creating a 84-km long spur route. Meanwhile, the Gorakhpur link expressway would facilitate movement of motorists between Gorakhpur and Purvanchal expressway, officials said.