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## Ganga Expressway is all set to be completed by December 2024

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India's second largest expressway, Ganga Expressway, is all set to be completed by December 2024. Since Yogi Adityanath, CM, Uttar Pradesh (UP), wants to finish the highway before Mahakumbh 2025, work is moving quickly on this monumental piece of infrastructure development in UP.

This 594 km long expressway will enhance connectivity between eastern and western Uttar Pradesh and will give a boost to the grand Mahakumbh, which will see millions of devotees and tourists from around the world visiting the festival.

At a current cost of Rs.362.3 billion, it was originally intended to be a six-lane expressway but it will be extended to eight lanes with a 120-metre right-of-way width, allowing for a 120 mph design speed. There are four phases of its construction. Building the 129.70 km Meerut-Badaun stretch is IRB Infrastructure. Adani Infrastructure is building the final three legs, which are Badaun-Hardoi (151.70 km), Hardoi-Unnao (155.70 km) and Unnao-Prayagraj (156.85 km).