

E-way to reduce Lko-Gkp travel time from 6 to 4 hours

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The 91-km expressway is being developed as a link route to facilitate the movement of vehicles between Purvanchal Expressway and Gorakhpur via Azamgarh, Ambedkarnagar and Sant Kabir Nagar.

With a right of way of 110 metres, the four-lane expressway is expected to reduce travel time between Lucknow (Hazratganj) and Gorakhpur (Ramgarh Tal) from the existing six hours to less than four hours.

Additional chief executive officer of the authority, SP Shahi, said: "The main carriageway of Gorakhpur Link Expressway is ready. Work on some structures and interchanges is in progress and it will take a few more weeks for completion of work."

According to officials, out of 343 structures that need to be constructed between Salarpur and Jaitpur (start and end points), 337 are ready, and work on the remaining ones is in the final stage.

Meanwhile, the challenge before the authority is to complete the Ganga Expressway on time.

The authority has fixed Dec 24 as the deadline to allow vehicular movement over the 594-km long expressway that will link Meerut and Prayagraj. With Ma-

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ha Kumbh scheduled to commence on Jan 13, 2025, providing seamless connectivity through the Ganga Expressway between NCR and Prayagraj has been deemed crucial by the UP govt.

While it currently takes 12 hours to drive straight from Connaught Place to Triveni Sangam, the six-lane expressway is likely to reduce the travel time to 8-9 hours. With 62% of the work complete, UPEIDA is asking the construction companies to ensure that all the bridges over rivers and water bodies are complete, and the main carriageway is ready by Dec 24.

"We have asked the companies to ensure all the structures over river streams and water bodies are complete. Work on 90% of the total 1,488 structures has been completed. The challenge is to complete the carriageway on time. Our team is monitoring the progress daily and reporting it to the govt," the officer said.

Gkp Link e-way likely to open for traffic by Nov 30

Lucknow: Travelling between Lucknow and eastern UP districts will now become easier as the Gorakhpur Link Expressway is likely to be opened for vehicular traffic by Nov 30.

Sharing details of the latest progress report released on Monday, a senior officer from the UP Expressways Industrial Development Authority said 98% of work on the project has been completed. TNN

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