

115-km-long link e-way to connect Jhansi, Jalaun

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Lucknow: In a step towards improving the accessibility of the Bundelkhand region, the Yogi Adityanath govt has announced a new link expressway connecting Jhansi and Jalaun.

Post-operation of the Bundelkhand Expressway, the link route will provide better connectivity within the towns situated between Jhansi and Jalaun.

Estimated to be around 115 km long, the link route will not only bolster the industrial ecosystem of the defence corridor but also attract substantial investor interest.

The Uttar Pradesh govt is developing a massive industrial city between Jhansi and Kanpur, spread over 36,000 acres across 33 villages, which is touted to emerge as an alternative to Noida.

To spearhead this initiative, the Bundelkhand Industrial Development Authority (BIDA) has been established. The link route could also benefit nodes in Lucknow, Kanpur, Agra, Chitrakoot, and Jhansi by providing seamless and efficient connectivity.

Moreover, the 15.2-km long Chitrakoot Expressway will significantly boost tourism and defence manufacturing in Chitrakoot as well.

As a region of immense religious and cultural significance, Chitrakoot is the place where Ram spent his time during the period of exile and draws many tourists every year.

Enhanced road connectivity, alongside the development of an airport, will further increase tourist footfall, creating opportunities for local economic growth.

Additionally, the govt has prioritised the development of a pharma park in Lalitpur, spread over 1,500 acres in phases. With nearly 70% of the required land already acquired, the project is progressing swiftly. Improved connectivity through expressways will foster an industrial-friendly environment, driving rapid development in the region.

The Yogi govt's commitment to Bundelkhand's transformation underscores its dedication to creating a robust infrastructure network, fostering industrial growth, and improving the lives of local communities.