

'BrahMos manufacturing to begin in Lko by May-June'

Defence minister says Centre's nod to Lucknow Metro expansion from Charbagh to Vasant Kunj soon, Lucknow airport being developed to enhance international flights

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LUCKNOW: Defence minister Rajnath Singh on Friday announced that manufacturing of the BrahMos Missile will begin in Lucknow by May-June 2025.

He also said the expansion of Lucknow Metro from Charbagh to Vasant Kunj in the state capital is expected to get the Centre's nod soon. Lucknow airport is being developed to enhance international flight services, he added.

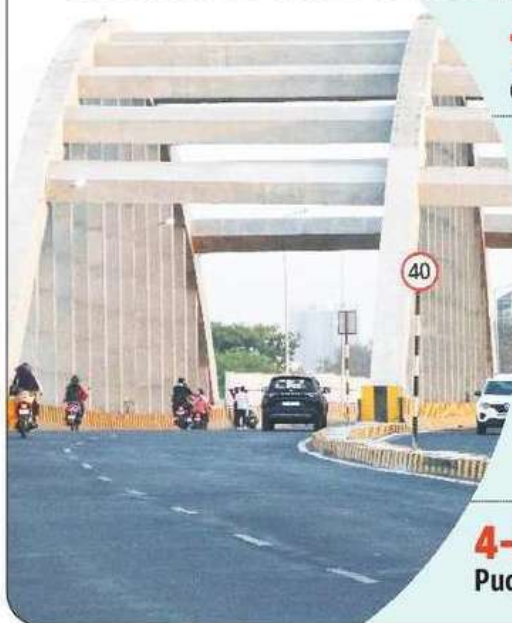
Rajnath Singh was speaking at a programme in the presence of chief minister Yogi Adityanath and Union minister for road transport and highways Nitin Gadkari following the launch of various development projects worth Rs 1,028 crore here on Friday. Singh had laid the foundation stone of the defence technology and test centre and BrahMos manufacturing centre here on December 26, 2021. The BrahMos missile manufacturing centre is one of the key projects of the Uttar Pradesh Defence Industrial Corridor being set up in Lucknow. It is set to be a significant milestone in Uttar Pradesh's industrial growth.

Singh said Uttar Pradesh is witnessing unprecedented development under the leadership of chief minister Yogi Adityanath and efforts are under way to



Defence minister and Lucknow MP Rajnath Singh, Union minister Nitin Gadkari and CM Yogi Adityanath during the inauguration ceremony of two flyovers in Lucknow on Friday. DEEPAK GUPTA/HT

WHAT'S IN STORE FOR LUCKNOW



700-METRE expansion of Lucknow airport runway

4-LANE bridge over Gomti river, connecting Kukrail river to Baikunth Dham.

GREEN PARK in the southern part of CG City.

NEW ROAD from Shaheed Path to Kisan Path on LHS embankment of Gomti.

4-LANE arch bridge near Pucca Pul on Gomti river.

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- Lucknow-Kanpur Expressway in next 4 months
- Brahmos factory in Lucknow by June
- Expressway connecting Varanasi and Kolkata
- Expressway connecting Gorakhpur and Siliguri at a cost of Rs 75000 crore

transform Lucknow into a global investment hub with world-class infrastructure.

"In a recent international survey, Lucknow has been included among the fastest-growing cities in the world, with rapidly increasing land prices," he said.

About the expansion of Lucknow Metro, he said the Charbagh to Vasant Kunj project, expected to receive approval soon, would improve traffic flow

in the city.

He said multiple flyovers are also being constructed. "A four-lane flyover from Polytechnic Chauraha to Munshipulia, built at a cost of Rs 170 crore, and another flyover from Indira Nagar to Khurramnagar, constructed at Rs 270 crore, have been inaugurated (on Friday). Additionally, Rs 45 crore has been approved for the construction of a service road near Amar

Shaheed Path," he said.

Singh recalled the contributions of former PM Atal Bihari Vajpayee to development.

Singh said the Lucknow-Kanpur Expressway is being constructed rapidly, which will reduce travel time between the two cities to just 40 minutes.

He requested Union minister Nitin Gadkari to approve additional road and infrastructure projects for Lucknow.