

UP's infrastructure push aims to boost economy, enhance connectivity

With major projects like expressways, waterways, and metro expansions, Uttar Pradesh is transforming into a logistics hub to achieve its trillion-dollar economy goal.



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Once considered a landlocked state facing connectivity challenges, UP has now emerged as a leader in infrastructure development and is poised to reap the dividends from it in relation to the goal of becoming a one trillion-

dollar economy, an official spokesperson said on Saturday. The official cited a recent study by the Reserve Bank of India, which said: "For every rupee spent on infrastructure, a return of approximately 2.5 to 3 times its Gross Domestic Product (GDP) value is generated."

"The state undertaking such extensive infrastructure projects is set to reap significant benefits," the spokesperson said, reiterating CM Yogi's commitment to making Uttar Pradesh the leading state in the country in terms of development. "Recognising the challenges posed by its landlocked geography, the CM has prioritised world-class connectivity to compensate for this gap. Over the past 8 years, his vision translated into tangible results, making UP a model of seamless connectivity," he said, informing that hefty sanctions have been provided in the State Budget of 2025 to give a further push to infrastructure creation.

"Major projects include the construction of a new bridge over the Ganga and Yamuna rivers and extending the Ganga Expressway via a 320Km-long Prayagraj-Sonbhadra Expressway, estimated to cost Rs 22,400 crore. Additionally, a Rs 7,000 crore expressway is planned to link Chandauli and Ghazipur while a 76Km greenfield expressway will connect Jewar to the Ganga Expressway, enhancing connectivity between Agra and Prayagraj," he said.

UP is also leading in waterway connectivity. It is home to India's only interstate waterway, from Prayagraj to Haldia, with plans to extend it to Ayodhya. The Varanasi multi-modal terminal, the only one of its kind in the country, further strengthens logistics infrastructure.

"Metro rail services are currently operational in six cities: Ghaziabad, Greater Noida, Noida, Lucknow, Kanpur and Agra. Expansion work is underway on the Lucknow Metro to accommodate the growing urban population and ensure smoother intra-city travel. It is also home to India's first Rapid Rail Transit System (Delhi-Ghaziabad-Meerut corridor). The junction of the Eastern and Western Freight Corridors further enhances the state's rail connectivity, making it a hub for transportation and logistics," the spokesperson said. He said since 2017, the state govt has prioritised road connectivity, and as part of that, approximately 9km of roads were either being constructed or repaired every single day.

"Around 270 river bridges, 115 railway overbridges, and a dozen flyovers have been built. Furthermore, 46 new routes covering 4,100Km have been designated national highways while more than 70 state highways covering 5,600Km have been developed," he said.