

Gadkari signs MoU with pvt firm for Prayagraj ropeway

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Prayagraj: Union road transport and highways minister Nitin Gadkari signed an MoU with a private firm in Delhi on Tuesday for the construction of ropeway in Prayagraj under the National Ropeway Development Programme --Parvat Mala Project.

The 2.2 km long ropeway will connect Shankar Viman Mandapam to Triveni Pushp at a total cost of Rs 230 crore, reducing the travel time from 30 minutes to just 7 minutes. This ropeway, featuring two stations and 3 towers, will be built using bi-cable jig back technology.

“The responsibility for the construction has been handed over to National Highway Logistics Management Limited (NHLML),” Gadkari wrote on X.

An official of Prayagraj Development Authority (PDA) said the proposal to build a ropeway to show the panoramic view of the Sangam from the sky was conceptualised in 2018 while the administration organised a grand Kumbh in 2019. Its approval was received from the govt and DPR was also okayed. A survey of the route from Triveni Pushp, Someshwar-nath Ghat and then over the Sangam



The Shri Adi Shankar Viman Mandapam which will be one of the two connecting stations of the proposed ropeway across river Yamuna

to Ulta Qila of Jhunsi was conducted. To build a station near Ulta Qila in Jhunsi, 0.342 hectares of land and 0.3888 hectares of govt land were obtained near Triveni Pushp in Arail. After this, the project went on hold. Efforts were again initiated to construct the same before Maha Kumbh, but all efforts proved futile.

“This unique project of amalgamation of religious faith and technology will enhance tourism in the city and come with a number of amenities like a restaurant, lockers, automatic ticket vending machine, parking facility, restroom, changing rooms, escalators etc,” said the official.