

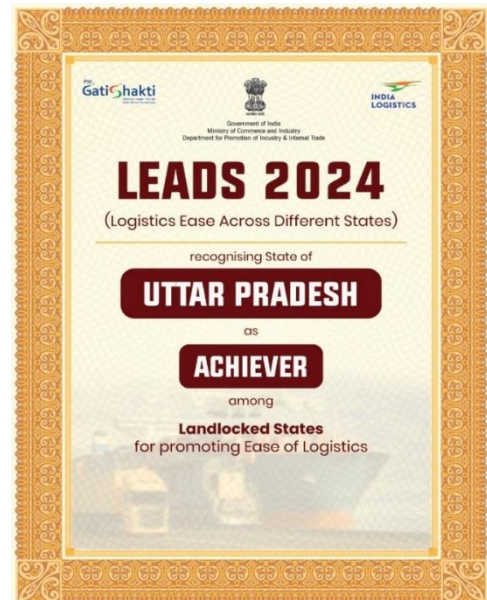
## **Uttar Pradesh dominates LEADS in 2024!**

### **Bags 'Achiever State Award' for the Third Time**

#### **UP's Expressways: Fast-Tracking Development with New Routes!**

**Uttar Pradesh** is undergoing significant infrastructural transformation with the rapid construction of an extensive expressway network. These expressways improve connectivity, enhance transportation efficiency, and drive economic growth throughout the state. They foster industrial growth, promote tourism, and create millions of employment opportunities. Uttar Pradesh is attracting investments, boosting trade, and progressing toward becoming a prosperous, self-sufficient state in India's development journey.

Ganga Expressway, The longest in Uttar Pradesh, stretches over 593.947 kilometres, connecting major cities across the state. This monumental infrastructure project is designed to improve connectivity, reduce travel time, and stimulate industrial and tourism growth. Currently under construction, this expressway will significantly enhance the travel efficiency and encourage economic development once completed.



#### **Two major expressways are under construction in Uttar Pradesh**

The Gorakhpur Link Expressway (91.35 km) and the Ballia Link Expressway. These will improve traffic flow, support industrial expansion, and create new job opportunities, thereby contributing to the state's economic growth. Additionally, several operational expressways are bolstering connectivity and economic prosperity. These include the Agra-Lucknow Expressway (302.222 km), Yamuna Expressway (165.50 km), Purvanchal Expressway (340.824 km), Bundelkhand Expressway (296.070 km), Noida-Greater Noida Expressway (25 km), and Meerut-Delhi Expressway (96 km). These expressways are instrumental in driving trade, tourism, and job creation.

The Lucknow-Kanpur Expressway, Delhi-Saharanpur-Dehradun Expressway, and Ghaziabad-Kanpur Expressway, proposed by NHAI, will unlock new avenues for growth in Uttar Pradesh. These expressways will improve traffic flow, enhance connectivity, and stimulate economic activity. They will also provide significant opportunities for industrial growth, tourism, and job creation, further strengthening the state's economic landscape.

#### **Uttar Pradesh's Economic Growth through Rail Expansion**

Railway connection in Uttar Pradesh is fast developing, boosting the state's overall economy. Indian Railways' transformative initiatives for 2024 have greatly improved the travel experience,

with cutting-edge trains, updated stations, and stronger security measures. Furthermore, the growth of freight lines is accelerating Uttar Pradesh's economic development by permitting more efficient commerce and industrial activities.

Notably, the Dedicated Freight Corridor that connects the Eastern and Western coastlines would boost the flow of products across the country, notably in Uttar Pradesh. This infrastructure project will promote industrial growth, improve logistical efficiency, and provide new prospects for business, tourism, and economic development. As a significant transportation center, Uttar Pradesh has India's biggest road and rail infrastructure, with over 9,000 kilometres of train track linking key towns and areas.

- **Boraki's Transportation Hub: Improving Connectivity**

The projected Multi-Modal Transport Hub (MMTH) at Boraki, Greater Noida, would boost regional connectivity to unprecedented heights. The hub, which combines a train station, bus terminal, and metro station, provides passengers with seamless transport and improved accessibility, therefore enhancing commerce, tourism, and growth.

- **Faster Commutes with India's First RRTS**

The Delhi-Meerut Namo Bharat Corridor, India's first RRTS, is a pioneering high-speed rail service that connects Delhi and Meerut. It is designed for quick travel, shortens commuting times, improves mobility, and helps to clean the air by minimizing congestion. This effort is a big step toward sustainable urban transportation.

### **From Ganga to Growth: UP's Inland Waterways**

The **Multi-Modal Logistics Hub (MMLH)** in Dadri, Uttar Pradesh, spanning 823 acres, will be India's largest logistics center. Strategically located on key freight corridors, it will revolutionize container handling, warehousing, and logistics, boosting trade and economic growth.

The Ganga-Bhagirathi-Hooghly River System, which stretches from Haldia to Allahabad, is an important river that facilitates trade and transportation in India. This 1,620-kilometer corridor improves regional connections and drives economic growth. National Waterway (NW-1) improves the circulation of commodities, creating new opportunities for enterprises and increasing logistical efficiency.

The Varanasi Multi-Modal Terminal, located on the Ganges River, is at the center of this transition. As part of the Jal Marg Vikas project, it connects directly to the ports of Kolkata and Haldia, strengthening trade routes and regional linkages and supporting economic growth in Varanasi and Uttar Pradesh.

### **Uttar Pradesh's airports provide both economic prospects and International connection**

An important milestone for the aviation industry is that Uttar Pradesh will soon become the only state in India with five international airports. Among these airports is the soon-to-come Noida International Airport in **Jewar**, which, when finished, will be the biggest in India. While **Ayodhya**

Airport promotes religious tourism, **Kushinagar** International Airport is increasing Buddhist tourism. The airports in **Varanasi** and **Lucknow** also offer essential regional and global connectivity. This development promotes economic growth and international connections by solidifying the state's position as a major participant in the country's tourist and aviation sectors.

Uttar Pradesh boasts a robust network of more than 10+ domestic airports, enhancing connectivity across the state. Key airports include **Kanpur, Agra, Gorakhpur, Allahabad, and Bareilly**, each serving as vital hubs for regional air travel. Additional airports like **Jhansi, Moradabad, Aligarh, Azamgarh, and Shahjahanpur** further strengthen the state's aviation infrastructure. These airports play a crucial role in boosting tourism, commerce, and accessibility within the state and beyond. With ongoing development, Uttar Pradesh's domestic airports are set to improve air travel convenience significantly and support the state's growing economy.

### **Multi-Modal Connectivity Drives India's Economic Growth under PM Gati Shakti**

The **PM Gati Shakti National Master Plan** was launched on October 13, 2021. The project aims to upgrade India's transportation infrastructure by prioritizing rail and road connectivity. This includes the construction of new expressways, rail lines, airports, and ports, as well as energy, mineral, and cement corridors. The energy and mineral corridors aim to make the transportation of these vital commodities easier and faster, while the cement corridors will increase the availability of construction materials. The initiative intends to create multi-modal connections, making the transportation of goods and people more efficient and easier. This initiative will help India's economy grow, create jobs, and promote commerce.

### **Uttar Pradesh is a rising economic powerhouse with excellent infrastructure**

Uttar Pradesh's substantial infrastructure development across a variety of transportation sectors is converting the state into a key economic hub. The construction of expressways, railway networks, and international and domestic airports considerably improves connectivity, reduces travel time, and enables more efficient logistics. The state's innovative initiatives, including as the Warehousing and Logistics Policy, as well as projects like Greater Noida's Multi-Modal Transport Hub and the Ganga Expressway, are driving industrial growth, tourism, and job creation. With continuing activities under the PM Gati Shakti National Master Plan, Uttar Pradesh is well on its way to become a vital center for commerce, business, and tourism, significantly contributing to India's economic growth and worldwide connections.

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