Noida Film City construction likely to begin next month

CM To Lay Foundation Stone For It

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Lucknow: The construction of Chief Minister Yogi Adity-anath's dream project, International Film City, may begin by the end of this month or in June. Located in the Yamuna Expressway Industrial Development Authority (YEIDA) region, the project aims to establish Uttar Pradesh as a major hub for film production, media, entertainment, and to-urism.

The selected developer, Bayview Projects LLP, a company owned by filmmaker Boney Kapoor, has completed nearly all preparatory work. The geo-



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technical survey of the construction site is almost complete, and the company is expected to submit its building plan in the next few days.

Officials said that work on leveling of land was underway and associated infrastructure such as road construction and site cleanliness was nearing completion. Once all approvals are secured, the construction would officially commence, with the foundation stone to be laid by the Chief Minister.

Rajeev Arora, general manager of Bayview Projects LLP, said, "The construction of International Film City will officially begin as soon as the building plan is approved. In the first phase, the company will build 13-14 modern film sound studios, and a film institute spread over around 3 lakh sq metres. The entire project will be completed in three phases over eight years."

"We will build a film city that fulfils the CM's dream. The CM will lay the foundation stone for the project. The schedule is being finalised," he said.

"YEIDA is set to start work on the project. Everything from land acquisition to farmer compensation is being handled with full transparency. This project will not only establish Uttar Pradesh as a national and international hub for film production, but also help create jobs, attract investments, and promote the state's cultural heritage," an official said.

The Film City is being developed in Sector-21 along the Yamuna Expressway, over a total area of 1,000 acres. Phase-1 will cover 230 acres at an estimated cost of Rs 1,510 crore. Bayview Projects LLP was selected as the top bidder by offering the highest gross revenue share of 18%. The company received the letter of award last year.

On June 27 last year, YEI-DA signed a concession agreement with the company's representative and filmmaker Boney Kapoor. The right of way for the site was handed over on Feb 27.

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