## Govt to spend ₹6,124 crore to boost road connectivity, infra

## Total 62 Infra Projects Set For FY '25-26

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Lucknow: In a major push to improve road connectivity and ease traffic congestion, the Uttar Pradesh govt is set to invest Rs 6,124 crore for construction of ring roads, bypasses, and flyovers across the state.

"With the goal of transforming Uttar Pradesh into 'Uttam Pradesh', the state govt is advancing infrastructure on a large-scale to expand the network of expressways. The



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plan is to create a gridlock layout to integrate important national highways with expressways, as well as major state highways and roads, to reduce commute time across the state," a govt spokesperson said. "Integrating the existing road network through ring roads, flyovers, and underpasses is being planned simultaneously to resolve the long-standing issues of traffic jams and congestion within key cities and urban centres," an official said.

Following directives by CM Yogi Adityanath, the public works department has prepared a comprehensive blueprint that outlines road connectivity expansion for the financial year 2025-26. Under the plan, a total of 62 projects have been identified for immediate implementation.

According to the roadmap, priority will be given to regions with high population density and heavy vehicular movement while rolling out civil infrastructure projects.

The initiative not only aims to boost connectivity but will also improve traffic management, offering smoother and safer travel for the urban population commuting in busy cities such as Lucknow, Kanpur, Ghaziabad, Agra, Bareilly, Varanasi, and Gorakhpur, among others.

"Various industrial parks are also being developed at different nodes across the state to encourage manufacturing. Future freight movement, logistics, and warehousing sectors will also play a crucial role in improving economic activity in the state to realise the USD 1 trillion goal," an official said.

According to the outline prepared by UPPWD, priority will be accorded to cities with a population between 1 lakh and 10 lakh.