UP CABINET DECISION

Farrukhabad Link Expressway to connect Agra-Lko, Ganga E-ways

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LUCKNOW: The Uttar Pradesh cabinet on Friday approved a proposal to connect the Agra-Lucknow expressway with the Ganga Expressway via the access controlled six-lane (expandable to eight lanes) greenfield Farrukhabad Link Expressway at an estimated cost of Rs 7488.74 crore.

The 90.83-km Farrukhabad Link Expressway will be constructed on the Engineering, Procurement and Construction (EPC) model, the cabinet decided at its meeting chaired by chief minister Yogi Adityanath. The new expressway will connect the Agra-Lucknow Expressway at Kudrail, Etawah and the Ganga Expressway at Sawaijpur, Hardoi, minister for finance Suresh Khanna said, briefing media persons.

Khanna said the developer for the project would be selected through bidding and the work on the expressway would be completed within 548 working days.

The developer would have to complete the construction within the specified time period and also maintain the expressway for the next five years.

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PADDY PROCUREMENT TARGET SET AT 60 LMT

Cabinet on Friday approved the state's paddy procurement policy for the 2025-26 kharif marketing season, fixing the minimum support price (MSP) at ₹2,369 per quintal and for Grade-A paddy at ₹2,389 per quintal, as already announced by the Centre.

THREE PRIVATE UNIVERSITIES OKAYED

A proposal to establish three new private universities with the aim of making higher education in the state more quality-oriented and accessible was approved.