

6-lane Vigyan Path to link city to 5 dists

250km Road To Be Ready By 2027

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Lucknow: Lucknow Development Authority has begun groundwork on a six-lane expressway under the state capital region (SCR) development project 'Vigyan Path' that will connect Lucknow with districts covered in the SCR, including Hardoi, Sitapur, Barabanki, Rae Bareilly and Unnao. The road will span approximately 250 kms. The corridor is planned as part of wider development of SCR and is targeted for completion by 2027.

According to LDA officials, Vigyan Path will serve as a regional connector, reducing pressure on the city's main roads such as Ayodhya Road, Rae Bareilly Road and Hardoi Road. Once operational, travel time between Lucknow and neighbouring districts is expected to come down to just over an hour. Heavy and commercial vehicles will be able to bypass congested city routes through the outer peripheral stretch. The expressway will be developed in phases, beginning with Lucknow-Barabanki

Lucknow tops division in health ratings

Lucknow: The Lucknow district secured the top position in the division and fourth place in the state in the latest health dashboard rankings released by the state health department for Sept. Lucknow scored 100% in full immunisation and HIV testing during pregnancy. Among the district's blocks, Mohanlalganj ranked first in the division. Congratulating health officials and staff, CMO Dr N B Singh said the rankings are based on key health indicators such as antenatal check-ups, full immunisation, and family planning services. "It's a matter of great pride. This achievement reflects the collective effort of our medical teams, though we must continue working hard to reach the top spot in the state," the CMO added. Meanwhile, Prayagraj, Auraiya, and Hathras secured the top three positions statewide.

and Lucknow-Rae Bareilly stretches.

The project includes development of 20 strategic nodes, each planned with specific themes including industrial parks, logistics hubs, educational campuses, health facilities and mixed-use commercial complexes. These nodes are expected to attract public and private investment, strengthening the capital's economic ecosystem.

LDA officials said the expressway had been designed with future expansion in mind, with dedicated service lanes, drainage systems and green buffers. Land identification is underway, while detailed project report (DPR) will be finalised after consultations with the department and agencies concerned.

A senior LDA official sa-

id, "After Shaheed Path and Kisan Path, Vigyan Path will be next major arterial link defining Lucknow's growth. This project is not just about mobility—it's about connecting opportunity zones, encouraging planned development and shaping Lucknow as a global city under the SCR model. Each segment will be aligned with future land use plans so that industries, institutions and housing clusters can grow around it."

Officials said the project reflected govt's push to turn UP into a trillion-dollar economy. Drawing inspiration from former Prime Minister Atal Bihari Vajpayee's vision of 'Jai Jawan, Jai Kisan, Jai Vigyan', Vigyan Path is envisioned as a corridor that embodies science, progress, and inclusive development.