## **UTTAR PRADESH**

## Govt to unveil ₹65K cr infra projects in Jan

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Uttar Pradesh is set to inaugurate two mega air and surface transport projects worth over ₹65,000 crore in the second half of January.

The projects, including the Noida International Airport (NIA) at Jewar in Greater Noida and the Meerut-Prayagraj Ganga Expressway are expected to be inaugurated by Prime Minister Narendra Modi.

"The two projects, likely to be commissioned next month, will fuel the Yogi government's ambitious \$1 trillion agenda by boosting passenger and cargo movements," a senior official said.

The 594-km Ganga Expressway passes through 12 districts — Meerut, Hapur, Bulandshahar, Amroha, Sambhal, Badaun, Shahjahanpur, Hardoi, Unnao, Rae Bareli, Pratapgarh, and Prayagraj. Costing over ₹36,000 crore, the project is being developed by the Uttar Pradesh Expressway Industrial Development Authority.

The Noida International Airport, touted as India's largest, is being developed by Swiss major Zurich Airport International AG in Gautam Buddha Nagar district, in partnership with the Yamuna Expressway Industrial Development Authority.

The project cost is estimated at ₹30,000 crore, to be spent over different phases. The NIA would be UP's fifth international airport after Lucknow, Varanasi, Kushinagar, and Ayodhya.