

# Lko-Knp e-way to get complete in 3 months

## Travel Time To Come Down To 70 Minutes

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**Lucknow:** At least 3 more months would be required to complete the 63-km long Lucknow-Kanpur expressway as extra time is required to shift power transmission lines.

Officials said the construction company engaged by the National Highways Authority of India (NHAI) has finished most of the civil works but a 400-kV power line, which is used for bulk electricity transfer over large distances, has to be shifted.

As such crucial infrastructure is used for carrying and transferring a huge amount of power across regions, shifting it from the original location to another one would take a few weeks, said senior officials involved with the project. Coordination was done with both Power Grid Corporation of India Limited and Uttar Pradesh Power Transmission Corporation Limited to begin work on shifting the power infrastructure (Sarojininagar-Singrauli 400-kV line). The cost and civil work re-

## Phase two of Green Corridor likely to open by month end

**Lucknow:** The second phase of the Green Corridor, stretching from Samtamulak Crossing in Gomtinagar to Daliganj via Nishatganj, is likely to open by the end of Jan.

Chief Minister Yogi Adityanath is expected to inaugurate the stretch, though the date is yet to be finalised.

Once operational, the corridor is expected to ease major traffic congestion in the centre of the city and benefit more than 1 lakh commuters every day. Travel time from Gomtinagar to the city centre and Daliganj is expected to come down to 10-15 minutes, improving access between key residential and commercial zones.

According to A K Sengar, project manager of the Green Corridor, construction from Samtamulak Crossing to Nishatganj was complete,

required for the shifting and associated machinery and infrastructure is going to be borne by NHAI.

The expressway would reduce the travel time between the 2 major cities from the current 120 minutes to 70 minutes. It would allow move-

ment of vehicles at a maximum speed of 120 km in an hour. An interchange would also be constructed between the Lucknow-Kanpur Expressway and the Ganga Expressway in Unnao to facilitate movement up to Meerut and Prayagraj.

Sengar said the remaining work is likely to be completed within the next 2 weeks, subject to weather conditions, as low temperatures can affect asphalt laying. The flyover connecting the corridor to Hanuman Setu was already complete.

He added that work from Jhulelal Vatika to Daliganj is being expedited and is expected to be completed in the coming weeks.

The first phase of the Green Corridor, from IIM to Pakka Pul, was completed around a year back, and the traffic was moving smoothly on the stretch, though it is yet to be formally inaugurated. TNN