

Project to play key role in devpt of Lko state capital region

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The upgraded highway will feature a 4-lane access-controlled main carriageway along with continuous service roads, while bypassing major habitations along the route.

The project is expected to play a role in the development of the Lucknow state capital region (SCR).

“Once completed, the travel time between Barabanki and Bahraich is expected to reduce from nearly three hours to around one to one-and-a-half hours. The highway will also include a major bridge over the Ghaghra river, approximately 1,130 mt-long, designed to support high-capacity traffic movement,” said Diwakar Tripathi, who is Rajnath’s representative in Lucknow.

The corridor forms part of the larger Bharatmala programme and is expected to strengthen connectivity between Lucknow and Rupaidiha border near Nepal.

It will link multiple economic, social and logistics nodes, including airports, railway stations and a land port, enabling smoother movement of goods and passengers.

Officials said that the project is likely to improve regional mobility, support cross-border trade with Nepal, and contribute to economic activity, including agriculture, tourism and logistics.

Construction is scheduled to begin in Oct 2026, with completion targeted by Oct 2028.