

Modi: New way will be lifeline of UP's development

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Ganga way brings windfall to farmers

Lucknow: Talking about the speedy construction of the Ganga way after inaugurating it, PM Narendra Modi said on Wednesday, "This is the style and pace of work of the double-engine govt."

Describing the expressway stretch as akin to a "teertha", Modi said it would become a lifeline for UP's development, opening up new economic opportunities. He added that the corridor would not only facilitate faster travel but also serve as a gateway for industrial growth and employment generation. "Gone are the days when construction of a single road took years. There was a time when projects would languish in files," he said. In an apparent swipe at the opposition, Modi said that foundation plaques used to get installed at the time of polls but projects never materialised even as govt came and went.

He criticised previous govt for ignoring the interests of farmers who faced difficulties of storage and transportation. "Their problems will now be solved and they will get higher incomes," he said. Modi said new industrial corridors would be developed along the Ganga Expressway. "The previous govt did not

even dream of industrial corridors in various places, including Hardoi," he said.

The PM said that UP, which was earlier billed as a "BIMARU" state, was now striving to become a \$1 trillion economy. "It is a huge target. And this requires equally big preparation," he said. "The economic development of UP is today becoming India's strategic strength as well," he said. "There was a time when UP was identified by its potholed roads. The same state is now home to the maximum number of expressways," he said.

UP'S LONGEST EXPRESSWAY TO BOOST SPEED AND CONNECTIVITY

The 594-km corridor from Meerut to Prayagraj links key expressways, cuts travel time significantly, and adds to UP's lead in expressway network

- > Covers 12 districts and 519 villages
- > 6 lanes, expandable to 8
- > Developed in record time of 3 years and 3 months, under PPP model by UPEIDA

PROJECT COST
₹36,230cr
(incl. land acquisition)

CONNECTIVITY & EFFICIENCY

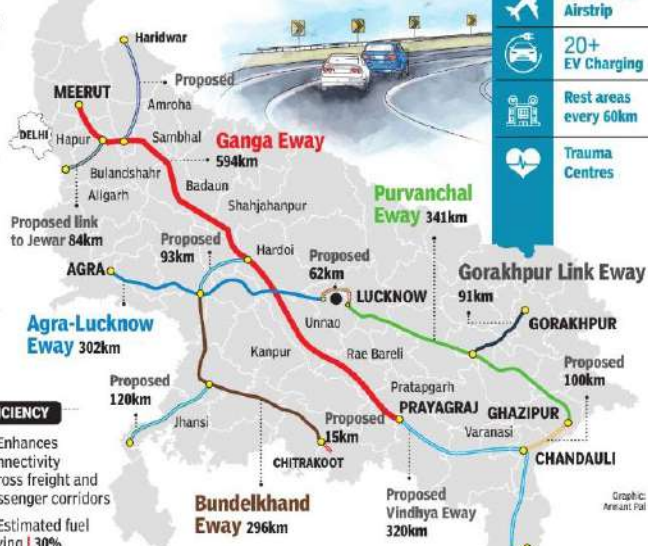
- > Travel time reduced from 11 hrs to 6 hrs
- > Average speed improved from 50-60 kmph to 100 kmph
- > Enhances connectivity across freight and passenger corridors
- > Estimated fuel saving | 30%

ECONOMIC IMPACT

- > Annual logistics savings estimated at ₹25,000-30,000 cr
- > Potential to increase UP's GDP by over ₹1 lakh cr
- > Expected to generate 3 lakh direct and indirect jobs



> Boost to state revenue via industrial output and land value appreciation



	437+ Underpasses
	21+ Flyovers
	Emergency Airstrip
	20+ EV Charging
	Rest areas every 60km
	Trauma Centres

E-WAYS IN INDIA GROW 12-FOLD IN 12 YRS

From just 558km in 2013-14, the country's network of expressways and access-controlled highways has expanded to around 6,640km today. Much of this recent expansion has been driven by the Centre

