

UP to get road projects worth ₹5L cr in 2 years, says Gadkari

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Lucknow: Union road transport and highways minister Nitin Gadkari on Monday said road projects worth Rs 5 lakh crore will be completed in UP over the next two years, and announced new such projects worth Rs 50,000-60,000 crore for the state.

He was speaking at the inauguration of the Kanpur-Lucknow expressway. "I assure CM Yogi Adityanath that all the new works worth Rs 50,000-60,000 crore discussed in the meeting with officials earlier today have been approved. Besides these, we will complete road projects worth Rs 5 lakh crore in Uttar Pradesh over the next two years," he said.

The minister said the govt is determined to build an elevated corridor over the 23-km long Shaheed Path in Lucknow as well as reliable mass transit system. Gadkari said he has directed officials to work on the details and complete



Union minister Nitin Gadkari speaks during the event

le a detailed project report.

"I can assure you all that constructing such a superstructure that is going to be akin to an engineering marvel is possible. Our engineers after examining various leading agencies have come up with a technology that is being followed widely in Malaysia," said Gadkari, elaborating on the methodology that could be considered for the project upon final feasibility. Linkages of Shaheed Path with Outer Ring Road would be also evaluated by NHAI officials.

To encourage industrial growth leadership of the state has to focus on four important

things, said the minister while adding that water, power, transport and communications act as a core to promote development.

Describing UP as the "heart of India", Gadkari said the country's development was linked to the state's progress. "If Uttar Pradesh becomes prosperous, per capita income rises, exports increase, and road infrastructure improves, India's growth will also accelerate," he said and added that "Under CM Yogi Adityanath, Uttar Pradesh has already taken a lead on the four fronts.

He said the Kanpur-Bhopal economic corridor being developed with a budget of Rs 11,000 crore as well as Kanpur-Kabrai expressway to be developed with a budget of Rs 7,145 crore and Agra-Gwalior high speed corridor being developed with a budget of Rs 4,600 crore are some projects that would improve linkages of key cities of UP with Madhya Pradesh.