

CM reviews UP projects, bats for eways as biz corridors

'Ensure Faster Execution Of Projects'

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Lucknow: Chief minister **Yogi Adityanath** on Thursday reviewed the progress of major development projects and public welfare schemes at a meeting of State Transformation Commission, directing departments to speed up execution and tighten monitoring across sectors.

Focusing on connectivity, Yogi said expressways should be planned not only as transport routes but as economic corridors that catalyse in-

dustrial development, investment and employment. Officials told the meeting that the vendor selection process for Chitrakoot Link Expressway is expected to be completed in Sept. On land acquisition, the state has acquired 91.28% of the 1,339.04-hectare requirement for Farukhabad Link Expressway. Acquisition for other link projects stands at 80.43% for Agra-Lucknow-Purvanchal Link Expressway, 84.82% for Jhansi Link Expressway and 79.27% for Jewar Link Expressway.

Officials also briefed CM that verification work for Meerut-Haridwar, Vindhya and Vindhya Purvanchal Spur Expressways has been comp-

leted, and land acquisition for these projects will begin soon. Reviewing Multi-Modal Logistics Hub in Greater Noida, Yogi directed that logistics projects be expedited to position Uttar Pradesh as a supply-chain hub. He also sought faster implementation of Aqua Business Project in Unnao and asked officials to accelerate pending processes. On public safety, CM reviewed fire safety arrangements in health institutions, hospitals, hotels and guest houses, warning of action in cases of negligence. He instructed the preparation of a digital database of Fire NOCs and said renewal should be initiated before an NOC's validity expires to avoid lapses. Taking stock of infrastruc-



ture safety in Lucknow, Yogi raised concerns over electrical and OFC cables passing through sewer lines and manholes. He directed that such cables be shifted at the earliest and said works must proceed only after obtaining NOCs from the local body, emphasising strict adherence to safety standards in civic infrastructure.

On power supply, CM ordered an assessment of areas reporting excessive line losses, asking officials to identify causes and take concrete measures to curb losses. He said systems to prevent power theft, improve billing and strengthen collections should be made effective, and accountability must be fixed for DISCOM officials in high-loss areas.