

Barabanki-Bahraich Highway to Become UP's First Digital Highway

The 101-km, four-lane Barabanki-Bahraich highway is poised to become Uttar Pradesh's first digital highway, enhancing safety, efficiency, and connectivity. The National Highways Authority of India (NHAI) plans to incorporate advanced technology, including optical fibre cables, 24/7 network availability, NPR cameras, and modern lighting systems, ensuring a superior travel experience.

Scheduled for construction by March 2025, the highway, part of NH-927, will connect Barabanki, Shravasti airport, NH-27, and the India-Nepal border. A three-metre-wide duct will house optical fibre cables, improving mobile and internet services. Companies can lease land along the route to boost connectivity.

The project addresses rising traffic demands caused by the Mahadeva Corridor and aims to reduce accidents through upgraded infrastructure. Currently, 25,000 vehicles use the highway daily, straining the Sanjay Setu bridge. The new four-lane expansion will ease travel for residents of Barabanki, Bahraich, Gonda, and Balrampur districts, as well as Nepal-bound travellers.

Part of NHAI's nationwide digital highway initiative, the Barabanki-Bahraich project follows the success of the Delhi-Mumbai Expressway and Hyderabad-Bengaluru Corridor, marking a significant step towards modernising India's road infrastructure.

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