

# Double-engine govt has established UP as 'Expressway State', says CM Yogi

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Describing the initiative as a step towards realising Prime Minister Narendra Modi's vision of making Uttar Pradesh the hub of India's industrial development, the CM added, "Over the past eight years, the double-engine govt has established Uttar Pradesh as the 'Expressway State', making it the first choice for investors."

The CM said that the clusters would represent a new Uttar Pradesh for a New India. "Security, land banks, and necessary infrastructure are the primary prerequisites for investment, and UP has made remarkable progress in all these areas," he said.

Referring to the recent inauguration of the Gorakhpur Link Expressway, the CM said he had travelled on it himself and found it both fast and comfortable. "Once considered backward and avoided by investors, UP is now realising a big dream through the development of IMLCs," he said.

He also emphasised the need to develop industries and factories both horizontally and vertically to maxi-

## UP IN FAST LANE OF DEVELOPMENT

- Industrial nodes will be established in 27 clusters along 5 expressways in UP
- The cluster near Bundelkhand Expressway will be the largest
- The cluster near Ganga Expressway will cover maximum dists
- The Gorakhpur Link Expressway node will be the smallest
- 5 cluster nodes will be constructed near Purvanchal Expressway



CM Yogi Adityanath with UP minister Nand Gopal Gupta Nandi during inauguration of 27 IMLCs

- 3 nodes will be established on the Agra-Lucknow Expressway

mise space utilisation. The CM added that the IMLC model would become a benchmark for the rest of the country, enhancing global investment and job creation. He also instructed officials to ensure sufficient manpower and investor-friendly execution of the IMLC clusters.

During the event, chief secretary Manoj Kumar Singh briefed the CM about the progress of ongoing and upcoming expressway projects across Uttar Pradesh. While reviewing the Meerut-Haridwar Expressway, the CM suggested aligning the route to

connect with Shukteerth, a significant cultural site. He also emphasized that expressway construction should minimize damage to forest areas.

Officials said that under the IMLC initiative, investors will receive benefits such as competitive land pricing, specialised logistics services, seamless road, rail, and air connectivity, dedicated basic infrastructure, a transparent land allocation process, a favourable industrial environment, and ready labour availability. Investors will also have access to tailor-made land

allocations, bulk land allotments at designated nodes, and the opportunity to develop industrial parks under the PPP model.

Cabinet minister Nand Gopal Gupta 'Nandi' and minister of state Jaswant Singh Saini and several senior officials were also present at the event.

CM reviews under-construction expressways

Lucknow: The Chief Minister also reviewed the progress of both operational and under-construction expressways in the state. He was informed that defence nodes are being developed across a total of 5,184 acres in six districts.

"Of this, 5,017 acres have already been acquired by the authority, while 167 acres remain to be acquired. The districts where these defence nodes are being developed include Chitrakoot, Jhansi, Kanpur, Aligarh, Lucknow, and Agra. Companies such as BrahMos, Bharat Dynamics, Adani Defence and Aerospace, Modern Material Science Private Limited, Deep Explo, Aerolloy Technology, and Tata Technologies are already operational in these areas," officials said.