

Agra-Lko, Purvanchal expressways to get Rs 4,775-crore link

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LUCKNOW: The Uttar Pradesh cabinet on Thursday approved a proposal for the construction of an access controlled six-lane (expandable to eight lanes) green field link expressway to link the Agra-Lucknow Expressway with the Purvanchal Expressway. It will also directly connect Ballia with New Delhi, bringing down the distance between the two places to 900 km, a senior officer said.

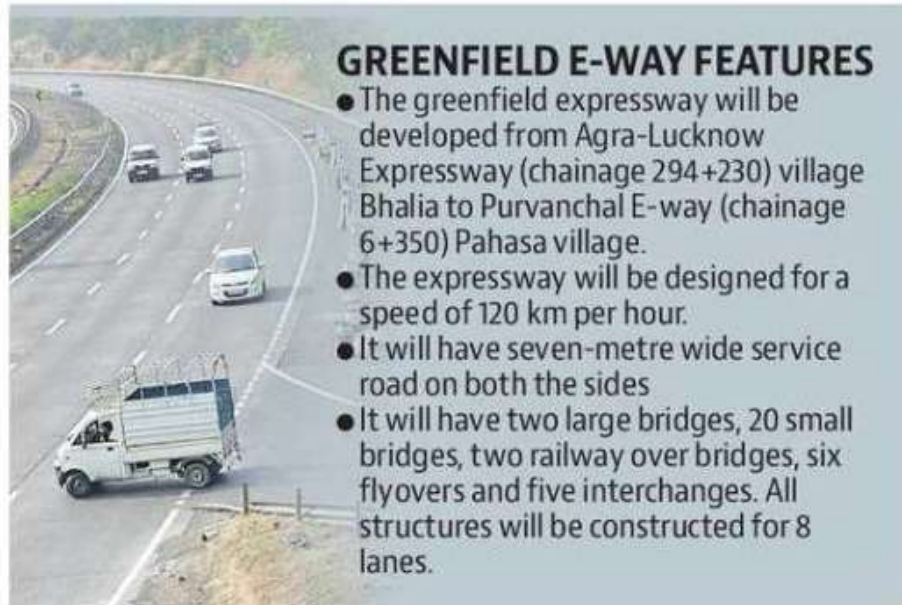
The green field expressway will have a length of 49.96 km. It will be constructed at an estimated cost of Rs 4775.84 crore.

Chief minister Yogi Adityanath presided over the meeting of the state cabinet that took the decision. The cabinet also gave nod to investment of Rs 21,481.77 crore, issuing letters of comfort and financial incentives as per recommendations of the High Level Empowered Committee. Overall, 30 proposals were given the nod.

The construction of the new expressway linking Agra-Lucknow Expressway with Purvanchal Expressway will provide smooth connectivity to Lucknow, Agra, Kanpur, Prayagraj, Varanasi and Ghazipur, said minister for finance Suresh Khanna and minister for industrial development Nand Gopal Gupta 'Nandi' while briefing media persons.

An official spokesman said the Agra-Lucknow Expressway, the Purvanchal Expressway and under-construction Ganga

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GREENFIELD E-WAY FEATURES

- The greenfield expressway will be developed from Agra-Lucknow Expressway (chainage 294+230) village Bhalia to Purvanchal E-way (chainage 6+350) Pahasa village.
- The expressway will be designed for a speed of 120 km per hour.
- It will have seven-metre wide service road on both the sides
- It will have two large bridges, 20 small bridges, two railway over bridges, six flyovers and five interchanges. All structures will be constructed for 8 lanes.

NEW U.P. BYLAWS GIVE MIXED LAND USE, VERTICAL GROWTH A PUSH

LUCKNOW: In a move promoting mixed land use, shops can now be built along with houses on roads that are 24 metres or wider in cities with a population of over 10 lakh (Census 2011) across U.P. as the state cabinet on Thursday approved the Uttar Pradesh Development Authority Building Construction and Development Bylaws 2025, along with the Model Zoning Regulations 2025. Besides, residential buildings can be constructed on plots up to 100 square metres and commercial buildings on plots up to 30 square metres without the need to get the map passed. Trust-based online approval will be automatic for residential buildings up to 500 sqm and commercial buildings up to 200 sq.m. →P5

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NOD TO ROZGAR MISSION FOR BOOST TO JOB OPPORTUNITIES

LUCKNOW: The state cabinet on Thursday approved a proposal to constitute the UP Rozgar Mission to help find employment for the state's youths in India or abroad. The decision was taken at the cabinet meeting chaired by chief minister Yogi Adityanath.

The mission aims at providing a lakh private jobs in India and nearly 25000-30000 jobs abroad in a year. With this move, chief minister Yogi Adityanath is set to empower the youth of Uttar Pradesh while positioning the state as a global human resource hub. The mission aligns with the government's promise of "employment for every hand and respect for every skill", reflecting its commitment to meaningful and inclusive growth, said an official spokesman. →P5