



Uttar Pradesh Leads Infrastructure Growth in India

Uttar Pradesh has emerged as a key driver of infrastructure development, reporting a fifteen per cent growth rate in the last financial year. This surge supports the state's ambition of becoming a \$1 trillion economy and enhances regional connectivity, particularly along the Indo-Nepal border.

At a workshop on Border Infrastructure and Connectivity in the Bhutan-Bangladesh-India-Nepal (BBIN) sub-region, officials highlighted the transformation of Uttar Pradesh into a strategic infrastructure hub. With a six hundred km long shared border with Nepal, the state plays a central role in regional trade and economic integration.

Key projects include the Gorakhpur-Butwal power line and Rupaidiha and Sonauli land ports, identified as catalysts for trade, tourism, and industry. Proposals were made to establish special economic zones in border districts and promote Buddhist circuit tourism to boost cross-border economic activity.

Senior officials from NITI Aayog and Invest UP underscored the need for strengthened infrastructure as a foundation for inclusive growth. These initiatives align with Uttar Pradesh's broader development agenda focused on sustainability, connectivity, and balanced economic progress.