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GORAKHPUR LINK E-WAY GATEWAY OF PROGRESS

DEVELOPMENT WHEELS INTO PURVANCHAL

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The Gorakhpur Link Expressway is new gateway for the development of Purvanchal, to be inaugurated by Chief Minister Yogi Adityanath on Friday from both ends of the 92km-long expressway, near Salarpur in Azamgarh and Bhagwanpur toll plaza in Gorakhpur. The CM will travel along the expressway to the Gorakhpur end and address another gathering.

The Gorakhpur Link Expressway opens up immense possibilities for development. It starts near Jaitpur on NH-27 in Gorakhpur and connects with Purvanchal Expressway at Salarpur in Azamgarh. The fully access-controlled expressway passes through four districts: Gorakhpur, Sant Kabir Nagar, Ambedkar Nagar and Azamgarh. It is a four-lane highway, with potential to expand to six lanes. The project, including land acquisition, cost Rs 7,283.28 crore. The expressway



is built in two packages: from Jaitpur in Gorakhpur to Phulwaria in Ambedkar Nagar (48.317 km) and from Phulwaria to Salarpur in Azamgarh (43.035 km). The first package was constructed by Apco Infratech Pvt Ltd and the second by Dilip Buildcon Ltd.

The expressway will set an example for ease of travel. Locally, it will reduce travel time for residents heading to southern Gorakhpur (Uruwa, Dhuriapar, Khajni, Belghat). Currently, it takes an hour to travel from Gorakhpur headquarters to Uruwa, but with the expressway, it will take only 20 to 25 minutes. Moreover, the expressway offers excellent and time-

efficient option for traveling from Gorakhpur to Lucknow. Being an access-controlled route, the journey from Gorakhpur to Lucknow via Purvanchal Expressway can be completed in three and a half hours. Additionally this connectivity allows travelers to enjoy a seamless journey from Lucknow to Delhi and Agra.

After inaugurating the Gorakhpur Link Expressway and addressing a public gathering in Salarpur, Yogi will begin his journey along the expressway. He will stop at bridge over Ghaghara River at Kamharighat for a 10-minute inspection. The CM will cover about 86km on the Gorakhpur Link Expressway.

At Bhagwanpur toll plaza, Yogi will flag off security fleet of UPEIDA, aimed at ensuring passenger safety on Gorakhpur Link Expressway, includes 5 SUVs, 5 campers, 4 ambulances, 2 cranes and 1 Hydra vehicle.

The CM will also plant saplings near the Bhagwanpur toll plaza.

