Road network to expand with ₹1,050 cr for 4 new expressways

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LUCKNOW : The Yogi Adityanath-led government on Thursday unveiled a mega expansion plan for the state's road network, featuring four new expressways and a boost to the Defence Industrial Corridor Project along the Bundelkhand Expressway.

The proposed expressway projects will further strengthen Uttar Pradesh's road network, which already boasts the longest operational expressway network in India.

The state currently has five operational expressways spanning 1,194 km, and one under construction expressway—the 594-km long Ganga Expressway.

Finance minister Suresh Khanna proposed a budgetary allocation of Rs 900 crore for an entry-controlled greenfield expressway connecting the Agra-Lucknow Expressway to the Ganga Expressway (Kausiya in Hardoi district) via Farrukhabad.

For the Varanasi division of eastern Uttar Pradesh, the government has proposed the Vindhya Expressway with a budgetary allocation of Rs 50 crore.

This expressway will link the Ganga Expressway to Sonbhadra via Prayagraj, Mirzapur, Varanasi and Chandauli.

Additionally, the government has allocated Rs 50 crore for the extension of the Ganga Expressway, which is proposed to connect Meerut with Haridwar.

Another major road project, the Bundelkhand-Rewa Expressway, will come up in the Bundelkhand region, with a budget allocation of Rs 50 crore. In a significant move to boost the Defence Industrial Corridor Project along the Bundelkhand Expressway, the government has allocated Rs 461 crore under the Make in India initiative of the Modi government.

The government also aims to attract an investment of Rs 9,500 crore in the Defence Corridor.

FOUR NEW EXPRESSWAYS

Rs 900 cr
- Agra-Lucknow Expressway to Ganga Expressway (Kausiya, Hardoi) via Farrukhabad

Rs 50 cr
- Vindhya Expressway (Ganga Expressway to Sonbhadra via Prayagraj, Mirzapur, Varanasi, Chandauli)

Rs 50cr
- Ganga Expressway Ext (Meerut to Haridwar)

Rs 50 cr
- Bundelkhand-Rewa Expressway –