

Half Noida's size, blueprint ready for 'New Agra' on Yamuna e-way

City Planned To Become Tourist Spot

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Noida: The first contours of New Agra, which the state gov't has planned as a heritage city that will be set up either side of the Yamuna Expressway in Agra district which is notified under the jurisdiction of Yamuna Expressway Industrial Development Authority (YEIDA).

Called 'New Agra Urban Centre', the blueprint prepared by YEIDA envisages developing the new city mainly as a commercial and tourism centre on 10,500 hectares of land, which would make it roughly half the size of Noida. The 60 villages where land has been identified for the new city are in Etmadpur tehsil of the city of Taj. The draft plan

INDUSTRY TO THEME PARKS: WHAT'S PROPOSED

Tourism & heritage | Leverage Agra's global appeal with attractions inspired by historical sites

Industry & environmental sustainability | Focus on pollution-free zones, particularly in Taj Trapezium zone

Only non-polluting industries – IT, textiles and soft toys – to be permitted

Theme parks, green belts and recreational spaces are also in the offing

Transport and connectivity | New routes, parking facilities and public transport systems to ease traffic congestion

Connectivity to ensure seamless access to infrastructure

Create a vibrant, green and modern city

New Agra Urban Centre will be 190km from Noida, about half the size of the city

It will be about 150km from the Noida International Airport in Jewar

Located in Etmadpur tehsil, it will come up on 10,500 hectares near Agra

was prepared in collaboration with a consultant, which conducted socio-economic surveys in the region. Initially, most of the land identified was in Hathras district, prompting YEIDA to revise the new city's location. Next steps include on-site land verification to assess connectivity, encroachments, and other factors before submitting a final proposal to the state gov't for inclusion in Master Plan 2041.

The new city has been planned to maximise Agra's commercial potential from tourism with Taj Mahal and Fatehpur Sikri both big draws both for domestic and international travellers. The project plan will keep strict norm on emissions to prevent any damage to the Taj in mind. Theme parks and recreational spaces will define public places in the new city.

YEIDA's notified area comprises 1,149 villages in six districts – Gautam Budh Nagar, Bulandshahr, Aligarh, Hathras, Mathura and Agra.