

CM: Ganga e-way to be linked with Jewar airport, Agra-Lucknow e-way

'Ensure Greenery Along E-ways'

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Lucknow: Chief Minister Yogi Adityanath on Thursday proposed two link expressways, one connecting Ganga Expressway with Jewar airport and another connecting Ganga Expressway with Agra-Lucknow Expressway via Farrukhabad.

During a review of new expressways coming up in the state, the CM said that these new expressways, along with the upcoming Chitrakoot link expressway, would significantly aid in the state's progress by providing better connectivity. He has asked for a



A review of new expressways was held on Thursday

detailed report to be prepared on the proposals after conducting a preliminary study, which should also ensure that there is provision to plant saplings on both sides of all expressways.

During the review, the CM said that till 2017, there were only two expressways in UP while now there were six. In addition to this, the length of national highways had al-

most doubled in the same period.

The CM said that the Ganga Expressway, connecting Meerut to Prayagraj, is almost complete and will be opened to the public by December this year.

The project is important, he said, as it could be used by devotees to travel to Prayagraj Kumbh in 2025. Expressing satisfaction at the progress of

the Gorakhpur Link Expressway, the CM said that it would provide connectivity for the districts of Gorakhpur, Sant Kabir Nagar, Azamgarh, and Ambedkar Nagar. He also directed officials to expedite the work of connecting the Bundelkhand Expressway to Chitrakoot.

Moving on to the defence corridor, the CM said that immediate decisions should be taken on new proposals. Till now, he said, investments of more than Rs 24,000 crore had been received for the corridor, which included companies like BrahMos Aerospace and Aeroalloy Technology in the Lucknow node, Bharat Dynamics Ltd in the Jhansi node, Adani Defence Systems in the Kanpur node, and Amitech Electronics and Anchor Research Limited in the Aligarh node. Discussing other major investment projects, the CM

said that bylaws of authorities need to be updated to reflect changing circumstances and that rules should be made investment friendly.

He said that land purchase for establishing a BioPlastic manufacturing unit in Lakhimpur Kheri needs to be expedited. Following land notification, there should be no unnecessary delays in initiating acquisition proceedings. The CM said that industrial development authorities should have a policy to allocate land from defunct industrial units within their areas to new investors. "Land acquisition within the Bundelkhand Industrial Development Authority is expected to be accelerated. Efforts to expedite the development of Multimodal Logistics Hub in Dadri and the Multimodal Transport Hub in Boraki should be prioritised," the CM said.