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New 74km expressway to link Noida airport to western UP

UPEIDA Starts Ground Visits Off Yamuna E-way To Fix Alignment

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Noida: The plan to link Noida International Airport (NIA) in Jewar with the Ganga Expressway has gathered momentum, with the Uttar Pradesh Expressways Industrial Development Authority (UPEIDA) close to finalising the alignment of a 74-km greenfield corridor.

The proposed link expressway will integrate two of the state's major infrastructure projects, providing seamless high-speed connectivity across western UP.

According to officials, the expressway will start at 44.3kilometre point on the Ganga Expressway near Syana in Bulandshahr and merge with the Yamuna Expressway at 24.8km near the upcoming Film City in YEIDA's Sector 21. Once operational, it will enable direct access to the upcoming airport in Jewar from Meerut, Bulandshahr, Khurja and Syana, while also facilitating faster travel to Agra, Greater Noida, and the Delhi-Mumbai Expressway.

On Thursday, UPEIDA additional CEO SP Shahi met officials from YEIDA to review a 20-km section of the proposed route that passes through the Authority's jurisdiction. The meeting focused on ensuring that the expressway's align-

TO CROSS 8 NOIDA VILLAGES

Route |

Yamuna Eway near Film City (Sector 21) to Syana (Bulandshahr)

To pass through 56 villages | 8 in Noida & 48 in Bulandshahr, Khurja, Syana & Shikarpur

> To provide direct, high-speed connectivity from Meerut, Bulandshahr, Khurja and Syana to the airport

Also enhancing travel to Agra, Greater Noida and the Delhi-Mumbai Expressway

It will feed directly into YEIDA's industrial sectors 28, 29, 32, and 33, strengthening cargo movement to and from the airport

corridor to Ganga and Yamuna expressways

Noida Greater Noida Yamuna Expressway 74km Faridabad **Proposed link** expressway **Film City** (Sector 21) Noida International **Airport**

Ghaziabad

ment avoids internal sector roads and integrates smoothly with the existing master plan. Several alternatives, including fully elevated and partially elevated alignments, were examined to balance connectivity and minimal disruption.

The 120-metre-wide corridor, estimated to cost around Rs 4,000 crore, will require land acquisition across 56 villages, including eight in Gautam Budh Nagar and 48 in Bulandshahr district, covering Khurja, Syana, and Shikarpur.

Officials said a 130-metrewide road already marked in YEIDA's master plan could be redesignated as a part of this new expressway.

Officials said both UPEIDA and YEIDA are finalising the placement of underpasses, Uturns, and elevated sections to maintain intra-sector connectivity. "Once the alignment is approved, the detailed design work will begin immediately," an official familiar with the project said.

To curb speculative land de-

als along the proposed route, UPEIDA has imposed a complete ban on the sale and purchase of notified land. Noida administration has issued directions to halt all related transactions until further notice.

Ganga

Expressway

Syana

The expressway will feed into YEIDA's industrial sectors 28, 29, 32, and 33, strengthening the cargo network around airport. Officials said it will form a key component of the airport's multimodal connectivity plan, which also includes rail and rapid transit corridors.