



'Work on 74-km route to airport fast-tracked'

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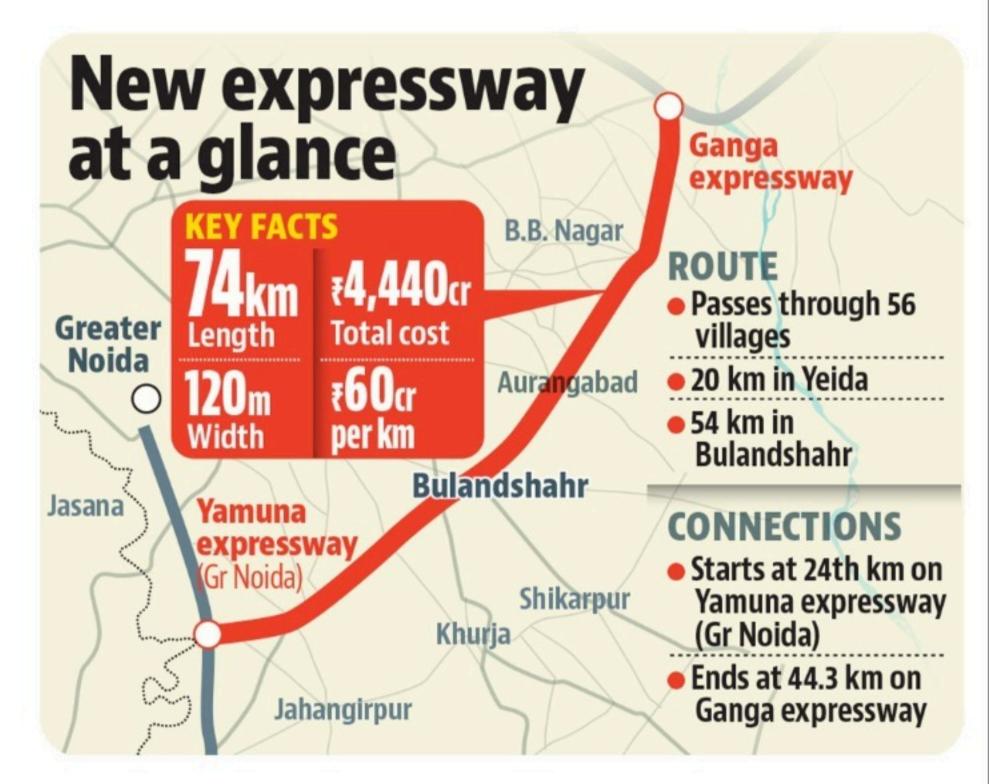
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desh Expressway Industrial Development Authority (UPEIDA) and Yamuna Expressway Industrial Development Authority (Yeida) on Thursday said that they have fast-tracked the work of 74 km new expressway project as the Noida International airport is set to commence operations this year.

In view of the Noida airport gearing up for inauguration, the Uttar Pradesh government has directed all government bodies to expedite connectivity projects as the government is bound to provide multi-modal connectivity from airport to Delhi-NCR towns, said officials.

"This new greenfield expressway will connect the Ganga Expressway to Noida International Airport to provide seamless smooth travel to thousands of commuters. We have discussed all alignment-related points including underpasses, cuts, entry and exit, among others in the meeting," said UPEIDA's additional chief executive officer (ADCEO) SP Shahi.

On Thursday, in a meeting,



Shahi and Yeida's CEO RK Singh along with other officials, discussed proposed alignment of the 20-km stretch falling within Yeida's jurisdiction.

Officials said the exact alignment is in the finalisation stage, and detailed design work will begin once it is formally approved. The greenfield link expressway, planned as a 120-metre-wide corridor, will originate at the 24th kilometre of the Yamuna Expressway near Film City and will stretch up to the

44.3-km point of the Ganga Expressway near Syana in Bulandshahr, said officials.

"The link aims to provide seamless connectivity between western UP districts—such as Meerut, Bulandshahr, Khurja and Syana—and the upcoming international airport in Jewar," said a Yeida official aware of the development. Once operational, the link expressway will allow commuters to travel directly from the Ganga Expressway to Noida Airport.