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## Rs 1,853 Crore Four-Lane Highway Project Linking Paramakudi And Ramanathapuram Section Of NH-87 In Tamil Nadu Gets Union Cabinet Nod

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The Union Cabinet has cleared the construction of a four-lane stretch between Paramakudi and Ramanathapuram, spanning 46.7 km along National Highway 87 (NH-87).

The project, to be developed under the Hybrid Annuity Mode (HAM), will be constructed at a total capital cost of Rs 1,853 crore.

At present, connectivity between key southern towns including Madurai, Paramakudi, Ramanathapuram, Mandapam, Rameshwaram, and Dhanushkodi is heavily reliant on the existing two-lane NH-87 and associated state highways, which frequently witness severe congestion.

The proposed upgrade aims to alleviate bottlenecks, enhance road safety, and address the growing mobility demands of expanding urban centres such as Paramakudi, Sathirakudi, Achundanvayal, and Ramanathapuram.

The new alignment is set to integrate seamlessly with five major National Highways (NH-38, NH-85, NH-36, NH-536, and NH-32) and three State Highways (SH-47, SH-29, SH-34), promising improved access to crucial economic, social, and logistical hubs across southern Tamil Nadu.

In addition, the enhanced corridor will facilitate multi-modal transport by linking two significant railway stations (Madurai and Rameshwaram), one airport (Madurai), and two minor ports (Pamban and Rameshwaram), enabling swifter movement of goods and passengers.

Upon completion, the Paramakudi-Ramanathapuram section is poised to “play a pivotal role in regional economic growth, strengthening connectivity between major religious and economic centres, boosting tourism to Rameshwaram and Dhanushkodi, and opening new avenues for trade and industrial development,” a government statement read.

The project is expected to generate approximately 8.4 lakh person-days of direct employment and 10.45 lakh person-days of indirect jobs, fostering growth and prosperity in the surrounding regions.

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## Bagrana-Bandikui Link Of Delhi-Mumbai Expressway Opens, To Reduce Jaipur–Delhi Travel Time To 3.5 Hours

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The National Highways Authority of India (NHAI) has opened the 65 km Bagrana–Bandikui link of the Delhi-Mumbai Expressway from Wednesday (2 July), Times of India reported.

A senior NHAI official was quoted by ToI as saying that “the route is being opened on a ‘trial run’ until the Ministry of Road Transport and Highways (MoRTH) announces a formal inauguration date.”

The newly inaugurated link will significantly cut travel time between the two cities, reducing the journey to an estimated 3 to 3.5 hours.

The route connects Bagrana, located on Jaipur’s outskirts, to Bandikui on the main expressway corridor.

Earlier, motorists from Jaipur, especially those travelling from Rotary Circle, had to detour via Dausa on the Agra Road to access the expressway. Now, they can utilise a convenient slip lane at Bagrana crossing.

Vehicles approaching from the Ring Road can also join the expressway using a cloverleaf ramp designed to provide seamless entry.

Conversely, vehicles coming from the Bandikui side will ascend an elevated ramp that branches into two exits, one leading towards the Jaipur bound flank of Agra Road and the other connecting to the Ring Road.

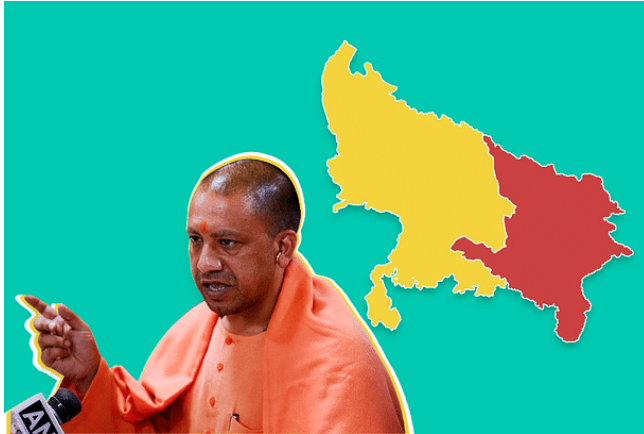
“This linkway will help vehicles travel between Jaipur and the entry and exit points of the DND (Delhi-Noida Direct) Flyway in 2.5 hours. However, it may take another 30 to 45 minutes to reach the New Delhi railway station or the Indira Gandhi International (IGI) Airport,” another NHAI official was quoted as saying by ToI.

The new link will feature four interchanges, providing entry and exit connectivity at Bhedoli, Khurikurd, Sundarpura, and Geela ki Nangal villages.

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## Unnao Set For Major Industrial Expansion With 316-Hectare Phase Two Corridor Along The Ganga Expressway

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Unnao district in Uttar Pradesh is poised for a significant industrial surge as the government plans to develop an additional 316 hectares of industrial corridor land alongside the Ganga Expressway.

The initiative follows rising investor interest—both national and international in the ongoing development of Phase One, spread across 132 hectares near Sarai Katiyan village in Bichhiya Block, Sadar Tehsil.

Uttar Pradesh Expressways Industrial Development Authority (UPEIDA) posted on X that Chief Secretary Manoj Shankar Singh visited the site and officially marked land for Phase Two of the industrial corridor.

Subsequently, District Magistrate Gaurang Rathi instructed SDM Kshitij Dwivedi to make land arrangements for the project.

With its location flanked by the Lucknow-Kanpur Highway and the Ganga Expressway, the corridor is expected to provide seamless connectivity for industrial transport and logistics.

It is poised to be a catalyst for regional growth, creating employment opportunities and attracting significant investment from national and international players alike.

Following approval of Phase Two, land acquisition and related processes are expected to commence swiftly.

The Uttar Pradesh government also recently took the decision to freeze land transactions along the 74.3 km, Rs 4,000 crore greenfield expressway linking Noida International Airport with the Ganga Expressway to prevent speculative deals.

These developments are expected to ease travel between major cities and support industrial development.

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**Rs 4,000 Crore Link Expressway To Connect Noida Airport With Ganga E-Way;  
Land Sales Frozen Across Alignment**  
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The Uttar Pradesh Expressways Industrial Development Authority (UPEIDA) has imposed a complete ban on land sales and purchases along the alignment of the proposed greenfield expressway linking Noida International Airport (NIA) in Jewar with the under-construction Ganga Expressway.

According to a Times Of India report, officials have warned that “any violation could lead to strict administrative action”.

The planned 74.3 km expressway, estimated to cost Rs 4,000 crore, aims to create a seamless high-speed corridor, connecting the Ganga and Yamuna expressways and significantly enhancing regional connectivity across Uttar Pradesh.

The Ganga Expressway, currently under construction from Meerut to Prayagraj, is set to become one of India’s longest expressways, transforming travel and economic prospects in the region.

District authorities in Gautam Buddh Nagar have commenced a survey to identify affected plots, following UPEIDA’s official directive to halt all land transactions.

According to YEIDA officials, the link expressway is poised to strengthen multimodal connectivity to NIA and catalyse economic development across western Uttar Pradesh and Greater Noida.

“The new expressway is expected to transform regional connectivity, making travel to Agra, Delhi, Mumbai and Prayagraj faster and smoother, while driving industrial development in the surrounding areas,” a senior YEIDA official was quoted as saying by ToI.

The 120 metre wide corridor will begin in Siyana, Bulandshahr, and connect with the Yamuna Expressway near Film City in Sector 21.

Initially planned at 83 km, the route was realigned to avoid developed sectors of Yamuna City.

Passing through 56 villages including eight in Gautam Buddh Nagar and 48 in Bulandshahr, the expressway will link key areas like Khurja, Bulandshahr, Syana, and Shikarpur tehsils.

Authorities are also exploring potential connectivity to NH34, though no concrete plans have yet been announced.

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**Tata Steel confident to complete green steel transition in Europe as planned:**  
Chairman N Chandrasekaran  
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### *Synopsis*

*Tata Steel is on track to transition to green steel manufacturing in the UK and Netherlands within the next few years. The UK operations are moving towards electric arc furnace-based steelmaking by fiscal 2028, supported by government funding. In the Netherlands, discussions are ongoing for financial support, alongside a cost transformation program.*

Tata Steel is confident of completing its transition to green steel manufacturing in the UK and Netherlands as per schedule, the company's Chairman N Chandrasekaran said on Wednesday.

He made the remarks while addressing the shareholders at the company's 118th Annual General Meeting (AGM).

"...we remain confident that the transition to green steel making in the UK and the Netherlands will happen as per our plans, in the next few years," Chandrasekaran said.

In the UK, the company has progressed toward low-emission steelmaking with the decommissioning of two blast furnaces at Port Talbot, paving the way to transition to state-of-the-art Electric Arc Furnace-based steelmaking by fiscal 2028, supported by 500 million pounds of UK government funding.

In the Netherlands, the company is in discussions with the Dutch government for financial and policy-level support on our decarbonisation plan. Tata Steel has also launched a cost transformation programme, targeting savings of 500 million euros in fiscal 2026. These efforts aim to position Tata Steel Nederland as one of Europe's most efficient and sustainable steelmakers.

India-based Tata Steel owns the UK's largest steelworks of 3 million tonnes per annum (MTPA) at Port Talbot in South Wales.

As part of its efforts to reduce carbon emissions, the company is transitioning from the blast furnace route to the low-emission electric arc furnace process, which will utilise the locally available scrap.

The company's upstream operations in the UK have been shut, and Tata Steel is using substrate from India and Netherlands operations to service existing customers in the UK.

In the Netherlands, Tata Steel owns a steel manufacturing plant at IJmuiden, which produced an estimated 6.75 MTPA of liquid steel in FY25.

Tata Steel Netherlands has an ambitious green steel transition plan under which one of the two blast furnaces will be replaced by a new Direct Reduced Iron furnace and Electric Arc Furnace by the end of this decade.

In his speech, the chairman also remembered Tata Group's chairman emeritus and veteran industrialist Ratan Tata, who passed away last year in October, and expressed grief over the loss of lives in the Air India plane mishap last month.

"There's a lot to talk about today. I must begin by acknowledging the heavy loss we have felt in recent months. Across the entire Tata Group, we honour those who lost their lives, along with all the families and loved ones affected by the Air India Flight 171 tragedy. Late last year, we also bid farewell to (Ratan) Tata," he said.

His unwavering commitment has been pivotal in transforming Tata Steel into a global steel company. Under his stewardship, the company not only grew in size and scale but reaffirmed its core values and responsibilities, Chandrasekaran said.

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