



UP Chief Minister Announces 4 New Highways

Why in News?

Recently, **Uttar Pradesh Chief Minister** Yogi Adityanath **announced to introduce four new link expressways** after a detailed study and action plan.

Key Points

- As per reports, the new expressways include the [Purvanchal Expressway](#), which will be connected to the **Agra-Lucknow Expressway**, and Ganga Expressway- which connects Farrukhabad and [Jewar Airport](#) via two link expressways.
- The **Ganga Expressway, from Meerut to Prayagraj**, is planned to be completed and open to the public by December 2024 to enable devotees to utilize the expressway for [Prayagraj Kumbh in 2025](#).
- [Gorakhpur Link Expressway](#), will provide excellent connectivity for the districts of **Gorakhpur, Sant Kabir Nagar, Azamgarh, and Ambedkar Nagar**.
 - These new expressways will significantly **boost the state's infrastructure and connectivity**.
 - To promote [environmental sustainability](#) and enhance the aesthetics of these new routes, saplings should be planted along both sides of all expressways.

Prayagraj Kumbh

- [Kumbh Mela](#) comes under [UNESCO's Representative List of Intangible Cultural Heritage of Humanity](#).
- Kumbh Mela is the largest peaceful congregation of pilgrims on earth, during which participants bathe or take a dip in a sacred river.
 - It takes place on the banks of the [Godavari river in Nashik](#), the [Shipra river in Ujjain](#), the **Ganges in Haridwar**, and the confluence of the [Ganges](#), [Yamuna](#), and the mythical [Saraswati river in Prayagraj](#). The confluence is referred to as the '[Sangam](#)'.