



Uttar Pradesh's Ganga Expressway

Why in News?

Chief Minister Yogi Adityanath has directed the **Uttar Pradesh Expressway Industrial Development Authority (UPEIDA)** to expedite the construction of the '[Ganga Expressway](#),' aiming for completion by the end of 2024.

- Uttar Pradesh **has four expressways in the top 10 in India by length**. With the Ganga Expressway, **it will have five in the top 10**.

Key Points

- This Ganga Expressway project is a significant development poised to reshape Uttar Pradesh's infrastructure and a strategic initiative ahead of the **Mahakumbh in 2025**.
- The Ganga Expressway is the **second-longest expressway** in the country following the Mumbai-Nagpur Expressway.
 - It is an ambitious undertaking with a projected **length of 594 kilometers**.
 - It is poised to redefine travel efficiency and stimulate economic growth across its vast corridor.
- **Ganga Expressway Features:**
 - This expressway, **connecting the state from east to west**, will traverse 518 villages across 12 districts, significantly **reducing travel time between Meerut and Prayagraj**.
 - It is designed to accommodate **six lanes initially, expandable to eight lanes**, boasting a **maximum speed of 120 kilometers per hour**.
 - Another important feature includes **two long bridges** spanning the Ganga and Ramganga rivers, allowing even big planes to land. **A 3.50-kilometer airstrip near Jalalabad tehsil in Shahjahanpur** adds to the project's versatility.
 - To enhance public convenience, **nine public amenities complexes** are planned along the expressway, with **main toll plazas at Meerut and Prayagraj, and ramp toll plazas at 15 locations**.
- The Ganga Expressway is not merely a transportation link but a **testament to Uttar Pradesh's commitment to modernising its connectivity landscape**.