



# 7 National Highway Projects Inaugurated in Ballia, Uttar Pradesh

## Why In News?

On February 27, 2023, Union Road Transport and Highways Minister Nitin Gadkari inaugurated 7 National Highway projects with an investment of Rs 6500 crore at Chitbada village in Ballia, Uttar Pradesh.

## Key points

- On this occasion, Nitin Gadkari also announced a new link road between Ballia-Ara through 28 kilometer greenfield spur road at a cost of Rs 1500 crore.
- The Union Minister for Road Transport and Highways said that with the construction of Ballia Link Expressway, now using the Purvanchal Expressway, Patna can be reached from Lucknow in just four and a half hours. Ballia to Buxar can be reached in half an hour, Ballia to Chhapra in one hour and Ballia to Patna in one and half hour.
- He said that with the construction of greenfield highway, eastern Uttar Pradesh will get better connectivity from Chhapra, Patna, Buxar in Bihar.
- With this expressway, the vegetables of the farmers of Ballia will be able to reach the mandis of Lucknow, Varanasi and Patna easily. Vegetable producing farmers will get direct benefit of three multi-modal terminals at Varanasi, Ghazipur and Haldia.
- The Union Minister said that a greenfield road will be built from Chandauli to Mohania at a cost of Rs 130 crore. This road connects Chandauli in Uttar Pradesh and Kaimur district of Bihar to the Delhi-Kolkata GT Road. Will connect with road.
- Similarly, a road will be built from Saidpur to Mardah, through which there will be a direct connection from Mau to Varanasi via Saidpur.
- The Union Minister for Road Transport and Highways said that better connectivity with other cities of the state will improve the economic and social condition of the state. Also, backward areas of Azamgarh district will also get new connectivity.

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