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# Decongesting Delhi-NCR: 8 New Projects in Fast Lane to Ease Region's Traffic Woes Soon

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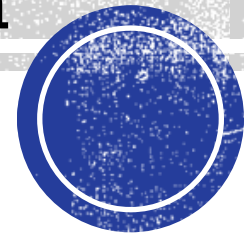
Since coming to power in 2014, the Narendra Modi government has proposed a number of projects to decongest the **national capital**. In total, 16 projects worth more than Rs 60,000 crore have been planned, covering around 870 km. As the government completes nearly 10 years, here is a look at the status of these major projects.

The ministry of road transport and highways has already completed eight projects worth Rs 24,600 crore covering around 370 km. These include the 135-km Eastern Peripheral Expressway, completed in 2018, as well as the Delhi-Meerut Expressway, completed in 2021. The completed project list also includes the 70-km Delhi-Panipat road and the eight-lane corridor between the Indira Gandhi International Airport and Dhaula Kuan.

At least eight more projects – 500 km in length – are also fast coming up in the national capital region that will ease the journey between nearby towns, MoRTH documents seen by News18 show. Five of these are expected before June and one by December. Two more projects will take a little longer.

Parts of two of these projects – the 30-kilometre Dwarka Expressway and 76-kilometre Urban Extension Road – are expected to be inaugurated this month, as **reported by News18** last week.

## Gateway to the Nation: Exploring the National Capital Region





# Intervention of RRTS

## RRTS 2nd leg to open before MCC kicks in?

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Ghaziabad: The second section of the Delhi-Meerut Namo Bharat corridor could be opened for passenger operations before the model code of conduct for the Lok Sabha polls kicks in. The NCR Transport Corporation will suspend all train operations over the weekend for the integration of the section from Duhai to Modinagar North with the operational Sahibabad-Duhai section.

Govt sources indicated the 17km Duhai-Modinagar North line could be virtually inaugurated by the PM, doubling the length of the operational section to 34km and taking rapid rail trains from Sahibabad to the doorstep of Meerut, which will bring passengers from there to the Delhi border in under half an hour.

## RRTS: PM likely to virtually open 17km stretch to Modinagar on March 6

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The section slotted for inauguration initially spanned 25km but was reduced to 17km after excluding Meerut (south) as some work is pending

A 17km stretch of the Regional Rapid Transit System (RRTS) project in Ghaziabad is likely to be inaugurated virtually on Wednesday (March 6) by Prime Minister Narendra Modi, sources in the National Capital region Transport Corporation (NCRTC), the agency executing the project, said on Monday.

# Intervention of RRTS

## Passenger operations begin on 34km RRTS section in Ghaziabad

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The present operational 34km RRTS section covers all 8 stations in Ghaziabad and is part of 82km- RRTS network being built to connect Delhi, Ghaziabad and Meerut

Passenger operations started on Friday on the newly inaugurated 17km section of the Regional Rapid Transit System (RRTS) from Duhai to Modinagar (North). With this, the entire 34km RRTS section in Ghaziabad district is now operational, officials of the National Capital Region Transport Corporation (NCRTC), the agency executing the project.

## Delhi-Dharuhera Rapid Rail Stretch To Connect Gurugram Metro With An Underground Station | Details

Mar 16, 2024,

The Delhi-Gurgaon-Dharuhera rapid rail corridor is set to undergo a significant modification with the addition of an underground station at Hero Honda Chowk. This station will not only serve as a crucial interchange point but will also intersect with the upcoming Gurgaon Metro line in the vicinity.

**Gurugram:** In a significant development for the proposed Delhi-Gurgaon-Dharuhera rapid rail corridor, plans have been revised to include an underground station at Hero Honda Chowk. As per a *Times of India* report, it will also intersect with the new Gurgaon Metro line being planned there.

Previously, the NCR Transport Corporation had not incorporated a rapid rail station at Hero Honda Chowk. However, following the approval of the new Gurgaon Metro line, the agency, a joint venture of the central government and the governments of Delhi, Haryana, Rajasthan, and Uttar Pradesh, decided to integrate it into the proposed route.

Vikas Danda, the estate officer of Haryana Shahari Vikas Pradhikaran (HSVP), confirmed the location of the rapid rail station in Sector 33, emphasising its role in easing commuter connectivity. He stated, "This interchange facility between the Rapid Rail Transit System (RRTS) and metro will ease connectivity issues for commuters. We will provide our land for the project," (sic.)



# Expansion of footprint in NCR

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## Prestige Group expands footprint in Delhi-NCR; acquires 62.5 acres in Ghaziabad for a township project

Prestige's NCR project to span over 10 mn sq ft of saleable area, with a projected GDV surpassing ₹10,000 cr. Likely to be launched within next two quarters

Real estate firm Prestige Estates Projects Ltd has expanded its footprint in Delhi-NCR by acquiring 62.5 acres at Indirapuram Extension in Ghaziabad and is planning to develop a township that has a revenue potential of ₹10,000 crore, the company said in a regulatory filing.

## Housing prices up 83% along Dwarka Expressway; may rise further: Experts

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The average prices in the primary (first sale) residential market along Dwarka Expressway have surged to Rs 8,300 per square feet (sq ft) last year from Rs 4,530 per sq ft in 2013.

Commenting on the outlook of real estate along Dwarka Expressway, Signature Global Chairman Pradeep Aggarwal noted that Dwarka Expressway has emerged as the epicenter of real estate growth in the Delhi-NCR region.

He expects demand-supply to remain strong on Dwarka Expressway, leading to price appreciation.

"Projections indicate a remarkable 20-40 per cent price appreciation over the next 2-3 years," he said.

## UP: Construction of film city along Yamuna Expressway to start soon as Boney Kapoor's firm gets 'letter of award'

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*The film city will be developed in Sector 21 along the Yamuna Expressway near Noida International Airport in Jewar. Out of 230 acres of land, 155 acres will be dedicated for industrial use and the remaining 75 for commercial use.*

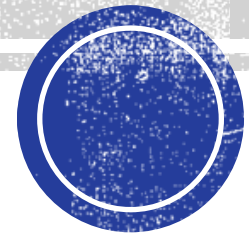
The Uttar Pradesh government has handed over the “letter of award” for the construction, maintenance and operation of the International Film City project to the consortium led by Bollywood filmmaker Boney Kapoor's firm Baywatch Projects LLP, officials aware of the matter said.

They said that the work on the ground is likely to start in a few months. UP Chief Minister Yogi Adityanath's ambitious International Film City will be developed in sector 21 along the Yamuna Expressway near Noida International Airport.

Officials said that Yamuna Expressway Industrial Development Authority (YEIDA), which is helming the project, has allotted land to the consortium in sector 21 where construction work will be started.

“The award letter for the film city project was approved by the UP Cabinet in the first week of March and it was handed over to the Boney Kapoor's Baywatch Projects LLP led consortium last week by Uttar Pradesh Chief Minister Yogi Adityanath. The company will be responsible for the construction, operation and maintenance of the film city,” a senior YEIDA official told Moneycontrol.

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## 75% work done, Asia's largest Jewar airport in UP may start in next 2-3 months

A recent review meeting of the upcoming Jewar airport, poised to become Asia's largest and the world's fourth-largest, was conducted in Lucknow.

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With construction progress surpassing 75 per cent, the eagerly awaited International Airport at Jewar is poised to start operations soon, most-likely, during the upcoming Lok Sabha elections. Notably, both the runways and the crucial Air Traffic Control (ATC) infrastructure have been completed, indicating a strong likelihood of the airport being operational within the next two or three months.

Speaking about the same, Jewar MLA Dhirendra Singh shared details about the construction work at the airport. "The pivotal Air Traffic Control (ATC) infrastructure is also in place. From July onwards, the airport will witness the full functioning of two state-of-the-art radars signaling a significant enhancement of the airport's operational capability. Initially, this advancement is expected to allow the scheduling of 50 flights a day," Singh said.

## Delhi back as world's most polluted capital

Mar 20, 2024

In the 2022 iteration of the report, New Delhi ranked as the second most polluted capital in the world behind Chad's N'Djamena (Raj K Raj/HT photo)

New Delhi gained the notorious distinction of being labelled the most polluted capital city in the world in the year 2023, as residents breathed air that is nearly 20 times the international safe standard, according to data from Swiss firm IQAir revealed on Tuesday, which also ranked India as the world's third most polluted country.

With an annual population-weighted PM2.5 of 92.7µg/m<sup>3</sup>, New Delhi edged out Dhaka (80.2 µg/m<sup>3</sup>) to become the world's most polluted national capital. Burkina Faso's capital Ouagadougou, with a population-weighted PM2.5 of 46.6µg/m<sup>3</sup>, was a distant third on the list.

# Connected Communities: The National Capital Region's Diverse Landscape

## DMRC seeks 302cr as Covid loss compensation from UP

Mar 22, 2024,

DMRC had earlier declined to pay Rs 56 crore due to GMC as service tax.

UP govt later gave DMRC an exemption.

DMRC officials told TOI they were seeking compensation for "operational loss" from the state. A statement issued by DMRC's principal executive director Anuj Dayal states: "We have written to the governments concerned on the issue of losses incurred during the pandemic from time to time. However, at this stage, we would not like to comment any further on this issue."

In June 2014, GDA and DMRC signed a MoU for the extension of Rithala-Dilshad Garden to Shaheed Sthal New Bus Adda. The project was to be completed for Rs 1,781.2 crore. The 2014 project report had projected 1.2 lakh ridership for the Red Line corridor.

## Noida News: हेरिटेज सिटी की डीपीआर पर आज लगेगी शासन की मुहर

Wed, 20 Mar 2024

ग्रेटर नोएडा (संवाद)। हेरिटेज सिटी की डिटेल प्रोजेक्ट रिपोर्ट (डीपीआर) पर बुधवार को लखनऊ में होने वाली पब्लिक प्राइवेट पार्टनर शिप बिड इवेल्यूशन कमेटी (पीपीपीबीईसी) की बैठक में मुहर लगेगी, साथ ही हेरिटेज सिटी किस मॉडल पर विकसित की जाएगी, इसका भी निर्णय हो जाएगा। अवस्थापना एवं औद्योगिक विकास आयुक्त की अध्यक्षता में बैठक होगी। आचार संहिता की वजह से विकासकर्ता कंपनी की चयन की प्रक्रिया जून में शुरू हो पाएगी। सात सौ करोड़ से अधिक की परियोजनाओं की मंजूरी शासन स्तर पर गठित कमेटी से लेनी होती है। यमुना प्राधिकरण क्षेत्र में हेरिटेज सिटी विकसित करने की तैयारी चल रही है। वृंदावन के बांके बिहारी मंदिर को यमुना एक्सप्रेसवे से जोड़ने के लिए जीरो प्वाइंट से 101 किमी पर बनाए जाने वाले ग्रीन फील्ड एक्सप्रेसवे के किनारे 735 एकड़ में विकसित होने वाली हेरिटेज सिटी की डिटेल प्रोजेक्ट रिपोर्ट (डीपीआर) सीबीआरई साउथ एशिया प्राइवेट लिमिटेड ने तैयार की है। इसके अंतर्गत 12 गांव आ रहे हैं।



## RRTS corridor interchange with Ggn metro

### RRTS corridor to have interchange with Ggn Metro at HH Chk underground stn

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Haryana Shahari Vikas Pradhikaran (HSVP) estate officer Vikas Danda said on Friday the rapid rail station will be constructed in Sector 33.



# Capital Connections: Networks Within

## Delhi-Meerut Expressway: Why India's widest highway is getting choked at night

Apr 08, 2024,



Representative image

Every night, commuters traveling on the [Delhi-Meerut Expressway](#) are facing a common frustration: the lack of space to drive on what is supposed to be India's widest expressway. This inconvenience occurs between 9 pm and 11 pm when Delhi-bound travelers encounter blocked or constricted paths due to a line-up of trucks and smaller

goods carriers near the toll plaza at the UP Gate (Ghazipur) border, a TOI report stated.

These trucks, parked along the flyover extending up to the Khoda underpass, and sometimes even farther, significantly impede traffic flow. The expressway, boasting three lanes, and [NH-9](#) adjacent to it with four lanes, witnesses trucks occupying at least half of the available lane width, causing congestion. Although this queue of parked trucks gradually disperses by midnight, a new one forms at dawn, exacerbating the issue.

## रैपिड रेल रूट से नोएडा एक्सटेंशन वालों की मुश्किल होगी आसान, बन गया है बड़ा प्लान

9 Apr 2024,

**ग्रेटर नोएडा:** उत्तर प्रदेश में गाजियाबाद से नोएडा इंटरनेशनल एयरपोर्ट तक 72.2 किलोमीटर लंबा रैपिड रेल का रूट प्रस्तावित है। एनसीआरटीसी ने हाल ही में इसकी डिटेल्ड प्रॉजेक्ट रिपोर्ट (डीपीआर) यमुना अथॉरिटी में सौंपी है। राष्ट्रीय राजधानी क्षेत्र परिवहन निगम (NCRTC) की ओर से तैयार की गई डीपीआर में बताया गया है कि ग्रेटर नोएडा वेस्ट मेट्रो (एक्वा लाइन) का सेकंड फेज और फिल्म सिटी से एयरपोर्ट तक लाइट मेट्रो का रूट भी इसी में शामिल होगा। इससे करीब चार हजार करोड़ रुपये की बचत होगी। डिटेल्ड प्रॉजेक्ट रिपोर्ट के मुताबिक, 72.2 किलोमीटर के इस रूट पर पहले फेज में 22 स्टेशन बनाए जाएंगे और आबादी की जरूरत को देखते हुए 13 स्टेशन सेकंड फेज में बनाए जाएंगे।

रैपिड रेल रूट के पूरे ट्रैक पर मेट्रो, सामान्य रैपिड रेल, हाईस्पीड रैपिड रेल चलने के साथ-साथ फिल्म सिटी से एयरपोर्ट तक 14.6 किलोमीटर के रूट में लाइट मेट्रो भी चलेगी। 14.6 किलोमीटर लंबे रूट को ट्रांजिट कॉरिडोर के रूट में डिवेलव किया जाएगा। 14.6 किलोमीटर के ट्रैक पर चार प्रकार की रेल चलेंगी। एनसीआरटीसी ने डीपीआर में बताया है कि सेक्टर-51 से चार मूर्ति गोलचक्कर (ग्रेटर नोएडा वेस्ट) तक ही अब एक्वा लाइन को बनाने की जरूरत होगी।



# Capital Connections: Networks Within

## ग्रेटर नोएडा के चार मूर्ति चौक पर होगा मेट्रो और नमो भारत ट्रेन का 'मिलन', पूरे NCR को मिलेगा फायदा

Tue, 09 Apr 2024

यात्रियों की सुविधा के लिए ग्रेटर नोएडा वेस्ट के चार मूर्ति गोल चक्कर पर गाजियाबाद से जेवर एयरपोर्ट तक चलने वाली नमो भारत ट्रेन और एक्वा लाइन पर चलने वाली ग्रेटर नोएडा मेट्रो को जोड़ा जाएगा।

राष्ट्रीय राजधानी क्षेत्र परिवहन निगम (एनसीआरटीसी) ने जेवर एयरपोर्ट से गाजियाबाद तक नमो भारत और मेट्रो के 72.2 किलोमीटर के एलिवेटेड ट्रैक में इसका प्रावधान किया है। एयरपोर्ट की बेहतर कनेक्टिविटी के लिए गाजियाबाद वाया ग्रेटर नोएडा वेस्ट, परीचौक, यीडा सिटी के लिए रैपिड रेल परियोजना की डीपीआर तैयार हो चुकी है।

अभी इस रूट पर 22 स्टेशन बनाए जाएंगे और आबादी की जरूरत को देखते हुए 13 स्टेशन तक भविष्य में बढ़ाए जा सकेंगे। इसी कॉरिडोर पर ग्रेटर नोएडा वेस्ट के चार मूर्ति पर इंटीग्रेटेड स्टेशन का निर्माण किया जाना प्रस्तावित है।

यहीं पर एक्वा लाइन फेस-2 का 10 किलोमीटर लंबा कॉरिडोर भी मिलता, जो नॉलेज पार्क-5 तक प्रस्तावित है। अब एक्वा लाइन का विस्तारण सिर्फ सेक्टर-51 से चार मूर्ति तक ही होगा। इससे आगे का 10 किलोमीटर लंबा ट्रैक अलग से कॉरिडोर बनाने की जरूरत नहीं पड़ेगी। एक्वा लाइन और रैपिड रेल के ट्रैक को चार मूर्ति चौक पर समायोजित किया जाएगा।

## IL&FS to monetise its entire stake in DND flyover connecting Delhi to Noida

Apr 11 2024

*IL&FS has decided to monetise this marquee DND flyover, which was built in 2001, as one of the first roads to provide seamless connectivity from Delhi to Noida*

IL&FS has decided to sell its entire 26 per cent equity stake in Noida Toll Bridge Company Ltd (NTBCL), which owns and maintains DND flyover connecting Delhi to Noida.

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IL&FS has around 26 per cent stake in NTBCL, while the Uttar Pradesh government has 5 per cent stake. The remaining shares in the listed company are with the public.

The Board has decided to call for a public process to divest its share in the road project and would soon be inviting bids under this initiative, sources said.

# Metropolitan Mosaic: The Urban Tapestry

## Mukesh Ambani backed smart city near Delhi-NCR witnesses massive growth, Rs 19130000000 booking...

Apr 17, 2024,

*Mukesh Ambani backed smart city near Delhi-NCR is also host to Saab's new weapon manufacturing plant where it will produce the Carl-Gustaf M4 weapon.*

Mukesh Ambani is currently the richest man in India and in Asia with a massive net worth of Rs 128749 crore. His firm Reliance Industries is the most valuable company in India right now with a market cap of Rs 1983000 crore. Led by Mukesh Ambani, Reliance Industries is involved in a wide range of business through its subsidiaries. One such subsidiary named Model Economic Township Limited or MET City is constructing a smart city from scratch near the national capital region. The new greenfield city is being developed in Haryana's Jhajjar near Gurugram, a key Delhi NCR economic region. It is currently home to giants like Nihon Kohden, Panasonic, Denso and T-Suzuki. It has now recorded impressive growth figures for the fiscal year ending March 2024. The subsidiary received a total booking value of Rs 1913 crore.

## NCRTC monitors cleanliness, safety of Namo Bharat trains for convenient, clean services

Apr 22, 2024

Following the conclusion of revenue service each day, the trains undergo a comprehensive interior cleaning regimen upon reaching the depot. The cleaning process spans from 10 pm to 6 am, ensuring the trains are immaculate for its next journey, the National Capital Regional Transport Corporation said in a statement.

At present, the internal maintenance and cleaning operations for Namo Bharat trains are conducted at the RRTS depot in Duhai. State-of-the-art mechanised equipment is employed for thorough cleaning, supplemented by manual cleaning by sweepers where needed, the statement said.



# Metropolitan Mosaic: The Urban Tapestry

## Greater Faridabad: An Upcoming Hub for Retail Excellence

Faridabad (Haryana) [India], April 22: Greater Faridabad emerges as a rising beacon of opportunity and prosperity for the retail sector, poised to become a central hub for retail excellence shortly. Nestled within the National Capital Region (NCR), this dynamic urban enclave is experiencing a surge in development and growth, paving the way for a thriving retail landscape.

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Central to Greater Faridabad's burgeoning potential is its rapidly expanding population. As the area continues to attract migrants seeking better prospects and improved lifestyles, the demand for retail goods and services escalates correspondingly. This demographic influx presents a ripe opportunity for retailers to establish their presence and cater to the diverse needs of the local populace.

Jatin Goel, Executive Director of Omaxe Group said, "The strategic positioning of Greater Faridabad further augments its appeal to retailers. With seamless connectivity to major highways, railways, and airports, the region serves as a vital transportation nexus, drawing in shoppers from surrounding areas and facilitating the seamless movement of goods. Moreover, ongoing infrastructural initiatives, including the expansion of metro lines and road networks, are enhancing accessibility and connectivity, bolstering the retail ecosystem."

## CEG Wins Delhi – Dharuhera RRTS' Geotechnical Contract in Gurgaon

21 Apr 2024 · by TMRG · in Delhi NCR RRTS · 15 Comments

CEG Test House and Research Centre on Thursday was declared as the lowest bidder for conducting geotechnical soil investigation work along the new alignment of the 164 km [Delhi – Alwar](#) RRTS (RapidX) line on NH-48 in Gurugram (Gurgaon).

This new semi high-speed line by National Capital Region Transport Corporation (NCRTC) in its first phase was originally going to connect Delhi's Sarai Kale Khan and SNB (Shahjahanpur – Neemrana – Behrod) in Rajasthan. It will now instead terminate at Dharuhera within Haryana, covering a distance of 70.72 km with 13 stations.

The line was earlier going to pass through old Gurgaon with stations at Udyog Vihar, Gurgaon Sector 17 and Rajiv Chowk. It will now run along national highway 48 (NH-48) with stations at Cyber City (underground), IFFCO Chowk (elevated), Rajiv Chowk (underground) and Hero Honda Chowk (underground).

The scope of this geotechnical investigation contract is to study the soil's profile along the line's revised alignment between Aerocity and Kherki Daula along NH-48 and at the site of its train maintenance depot at Dharuhera.

NCRTC had [invited](#) bids for this contract in January 2024 with a 180 day deadline and an estimate I hear was around 2.98 crore. Technical bids were opened in February to reveal 9 bidders and financial bids of 7 qualified bidders were opened this Thursday.

Below I've shown values from the lowest 5 bidders.

# Connected Communities

## Lucknow, Ghaziabad and Noida to be developed as 'financial cities'

Apr 30 2024

*The new township policy, integrated township policy and affordable housing policy are pitched as the key enablers of these targets*

The Uttar Pradesh government is planning to develop Lucknow, Ghaziabad and Noida as 'financial cities' to position the state as a preferred investment destination in South Asia. To do so, the state will partner with private sector companies to develop domain specific cities/townships, such as financial cities, medi-cities, edu-cities, film cities etc.

According to a concept paper by the Yogi Adityanath government, while Lucknow, Ghaziabad, and Noida will be developed as financial cities, medi-cities have been planned in Gorakhpur, Agra, Lucknow, Kanpur, Bareilly, and Chitrakoot districts. Similarly, film cities have been proposed in Gorakhpur, Ghaziabad, and Lucknow.

It will facilitate stock exchanges, stock brokers, crowdfunding, angel funding, banking, insurance, digital money, digital economy, financial R&D, capital markets etc and provide peripheral facilities such as hospitality, commercial spaces and data centres.

## Ministry of Civil Aviation to launch Air Taxi service across Delhi NCR, 48 heliports passed

: May 03, 2024

The development comes days after IndiGo Airlines, a leading airline company unveiled their plans to introduce electric air taxis. IndiGo is planning its project on the Delhi-Gurugram route in collaboration with America-based Archer Aviation.

The Central government is planning to revolutionise intercity domestic transport with the introduction of Air Taxi. The Ministry of Civil Aviation in a joint effort with the Ministry of Home Affairs, Directorate General of Civil Aviation (DGCA), Airport Authority of India (AAI), Digital Sky is planning to launch Air Taxi on Public Private Partnership in Delhi NCR.

Delhi NCR will be the first region in the country to have the facility of Air Taxi as public transport. The survey for the project has been concluded and 6 routes have been finalised. To make the project a reality, the authorities will construct 48 helipads across the NCR.



# Metropolitan Mosaic: The Urban Tapestry

## Another Expressway Set to Ease Traffic in Full NCR. 90 KM Distance Shorted to Just 31 KM Only.

by **Delhi Breakings** May 13, 2024

### Additional Points of Interest:

- The expressway will feature an interchange at Mohna village in Haryana, connecting it to the Kundli-Hajiabad-Palwal (KGP) Expressway.
- Entry and exit ramps are also being constructed on the Mohna-Baghpur-Phalauda Road.
- The project is expected to significantly boost public transportation connectivity between Uttar Pradesh and Haryana.

## Realty Boom in Non-Metros: Top 3 reasons why NRIs are flocking to Tier-2 cities

May 13, 2024 17:09

*These emerging cities on account of improved life standard, good educational and healthcare facilities, competitive cost of living and rapid economic growth potential score over their metro counterparts.*

Tier-2 cities or non-metros are giving tough competition to top metro cities in the country in terms of infrastructure development, as a result attracting NRIs and resident Indians to invest.

These emerging cities on account of improved [life](#) standard, good educational and healthcare facilities, competitive cost of living and rapid economic growth potential score over their metro counterparts.

# Connected Communities

DELHI

## Finally Delhi Got Connected To Another India Largest Expressway. New Route From Rajiv Chowk.

by Delhi Breakings May 15, 2024

In a significant infrastructural development, plans to connect Dwarka Expressway with the Delhi-Mumbai Expressway have received the go-ahead.

The National Highways Authority of India (NHAI) has granted preliminary approval to the Gurugram Metropolitan Development Authority (GMDA) for constructing a cloverleaf junction at Vatika Chowk near NH-248A (Gurugram-Sohna Elevated Road). This project aims to create an elevated road from the cloverleaf connecting Dwarka Expressway and NH-48 to Vatika Chowk.

## Noida: Jewar Airport To Get Seamless Connectivity Via Six Roads, Rapid Rail, And Pod Taxis

MAY 15, 2024,

Noida's much-awaited international airport, dubbed the Jewar airport, is nearing completion with plans to kickstart passenger services this October.

This mega-project is slated to become India's biggest airport upon its inauguration, marking the third significant aviation hub in the National Capital Region (NCR), following Delhi airport and Hindon airbase in Ghaziabad.

Connecting this airport will be a network of six roads, alongside a rapid rail-cum-metro system, and pod taxis. To ensure smooth access, a 31-km greenfield expressway is under construction, designed to link the airport to the Delhi-Mumbai Expressway at Ballabhgarh.

According to NDTV, Arun Vir Singh, CEO of Yamuna Expressway Industrial Development Authority (YEIDA) said that the National Highway Authority of India (NHAI) is also working round the clock to make sure there's smooth sailing from the expressway to the airport. They're building an eight-lane road spanning 750 meters, with the first four lanes expected to open by June 15, and the rest following suit by August 15.



# Metropolitan Mosaic: The Urban Tapestry

## Highway construction targets to be lowered in FY25 in spite of post-election growth agenda

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This is lower than the 13,814 km target and the 12,349 km of actual construction achieved last fiscal – the second highest after the record 13,327 km built in covid year 2020-21.

This change is the outcome of increased complexities in highway construction, with access-controlled six-lane and eight-lane roads being built as against highways with far fewer lanes – even single carriageways -- as was the practice earlier.

Another reason is the proposed shift in the way the government calculates the length of highways – switching to actual lane kilometres rather than linear method of measuring construction at present. Under the new method, a 10-km stretch of highway with four lanes becomes 40 km in the books.

## Tender floated to appoint General Consultants for ₹5,452 crore Gurugram Metro Extn Project

MRT Online Desk Posted on: 2024-05-17 16:25:00 Viewer: 2,369 Comments: 0 Country: India City: Gurgaon

Gurugram, India (Metro Rail Today): The ambitious Gurugram Metro project, which aims to transform urban commuting in Gurugram, Haryana, is gaining momentum with new developments. The project, with an estimated cost of ₹5,452 crore, promises to enhance connectivity across the bustling city. On February 16, Prime Minister Narendra Modi laid the foundation stone for this significant infrastructure venture, marking the commencement of a new chapter in Gurugram's transportation narrative.

The Gurugram Metro project will extend the metro line from Huda City Centre to Cyber Hub via Old Gurugram, spanning a total distance of 28.5 kilometers. This route will include 27 elevated stations, strategically placed to cover key areas of the city. The metro line will not only ease the traffic congestion in the city but also provide a more efficient and eco-friendly mode of transportation for its residents.



# Between States: The Unique Geography

## Explained: The Satellite-Based Toll Collection For Which NHAI Invited Global Bids

swarajyamag.com Jun 10, 2024

As the world advances towards more efficient and seamless toll collection systems, India is at the forefront of revolutionising tolling infrastructure by adopting Global Navigation Satellite System (GNSS)-based tolling.

The National Highways Authority of India (NHAI) has issued a call for expressions of interest (EoIs) from global entities to implement a GNSS-based electronic toll collection system.

Spearheaded by the Indian Highways Management Company Limited (IHMCL), this initiative aims to enhance tolling efficiency and transparency while providing a seamless experience for highway users, *reports Business Standard.*

The introduction of GNSS-based electronic toll collection is poised to streamline vehicular movement on national highways. These include barrier-free tolling, enhancing the overall driving experience, and introducing distance-based tolling, where users are charged solely for the distance travelled on the highway.

## Delhi Metro Phase 4: Janakpuri West-RK Ashram Marg stretch likely to open for commuters in August – Details inside

financialexpress.com June 10, 2024

In order to provide convenience and ensure seamless connectivity to the commuters, the Delhi Metro will soon open its first section of the Phase 4 project in August. The initial three-kilometre stretch will run from Janakpuri West to RK Ashram Marg and will have two new stations. According to several media reports, the construction works for this segment have been completed. The final safety certifications and inspections are currently underway before the operations commence on the corridor.

Media reports quoted DMRC spokesperson Anuj Dayal stating that the new section is part of the larger 28.9 km Phase-4 project. The entire Janakpuri West to Krishna Park Extension corridor is approaching completion and the authorities are now focused on the final stages of work and safety preparedness.



# Connected Communities

## Uttar Pradesh government unveils plans to develop Noida International Airport into Asia-Pacific Transit Hub

June 12, 2024

The Uttar Pradesh government announced on Wednesday its plans to develop the Noida International Airport into a world-class civil aviation facility. The aim is to establish it as a major transit hub in the Asia-Pacific region.

### Drawing inspiration from Zurich: Elevating passenger experience

The state government announced that the Noida International [Airport](#) is being developed based on the Zurich Airport model in Switzerland, with the goal of enhancing passenger and flight handling capabilities to world-class standards.

The greenfield airport is being constructed in the Jewar area of Gautam Buddh Nagar district in western Uttar Pradesh, approximately 75 km from Delhi. It will be the second international airport in the National Capital Region, alongside Delhi's Indira Gandhi International Airport.

[financialexpress.com](#)

## Multimodal cargo hub at Noida airport set to be ready by November-end

[hindustantimes.com](#)

Jun 13, 2024

The Noida International Airport Limited, a Uttar Pradesh government body formed to oversee the work of the international greenfield airport project in Jewar, on Wednesday said the multimodal cargo hub at the airport will be ready by November end this year.

“The work on the multimodal cargo hub at Noida international airport (NIA) is going on in full swing and the ground filling work is complete. The foundation work is underway and it will be ready by November,” said Arun Vir Singh, chief executive officer, NIAL, and the Yamuna Expressway industrial Development Authority.

# Between States: The Unique Geography

## New Expressway: Delhi-Dehradun Expressway is about to start, 6.5 hours distance will be covered in 2.5 hours

June 14, 2024

**Delhi-Dehradun Expressway:** The work of the fourth phase of Delhi-Dehradun Expressway is almost complete.

This expressway is going to be Asia's longest wildlife corridor. For which a 12 km long elevated flyover is being built at this time.

According to NHAI, the project will be completed by June 30. The Delhi-Dehradun Expressway will connect Delhi to Dehradun via Saharanpur, Baghpat, Baraut and Shamli.

**Number of Lanes:** At the same time, the number of lanes in this expressway is six, but it can be increased to eight.

**Travel Time:** Due to this expressway, the travel time of people coming from Delhi to Dehradun will be reduced from 6.5 hours to 2.5 hours.

**Distance:** With this, the distance will be reduced from 235 km to 213 km.

**May 2025:** A part of the Delhi-Dehradun Expressway is expected to be operational in July this year. The construction of the entire highway is expected to be completed by May 2025.

**Expenditure:** According to media reports, about Rs 13,000 crore is likely to be spent on this project.

informalnewz.com

## Yamuna Expressway Authority to develop new city near Noida airport, to acquire over 6000 hectares of land

moneycontrol.com/ JUNE 11, 2024

The [Yamuna Expressway Industrial Development Authority \(YEIDA\)](#) will develop a new city near upcoming Noida International Airport, and it has decided to acquire around 6,065 hectares of agricultural land for the purpose, officials aware of the matter said.

YEIDA officials said that the move comes after increasing demand for residential, commercial, industrial, and institutional sectors in areas around the upcoming airport.

As per the proposal, officials said, the authority plans to acquire [land](#) from 40 nearby villages in the next two years and it aims to spend over Rs 63,000 crore to develop urban infrastructure in the region. It has set aside a [budget](#) of Rs 14,000 crore for the acquisition of land for the purpose.

[Also Read: Yamuna Expressway Authority brings back group housing scheme: All you need to know](#)

A senior YEIDA official said that the Yamuna Expressway Authority will acquire the land from 40 villages including Tappal-Bajna (771 hectares), Karauli Bangar (250 hectares), Muradgarhi (336 hectares), Rabupura (994 hectares), Tirthali (479 hectares), Mayana (252 hectares), Kallupura (218 hectares), and Mudrah (290 hectares), among others.



# NCRTC targets RRTS trial

## **'World-class' highway amenities: How NHAI aims attract global expertise in creating wayside amenities on national highways**

Jun 16,  
2024,

'World-class' highway amenities: With an aim to bring global expertise to developing wayside amenities on national highways, a new step is being considered. The National Highways Authority of India (NHAI) has decided to change the process of developing wayside amenities along new highways and expressways. The responsibility of building these amenities will no longer fall on road contractors and concessionaires.

timesofindia.indiatimes.com

NHAI will now invite separate bids from companies interested in developing these facilities.

According to an ET report, the objective behind this decision is to attract global expertise in creating wayside amenities (WSAs) in India. NHAI aims to encourage innovative designs and products to enhance the return on investment and improve the experience of highway users.

## **NCRTC targets RRTS trial runs in Delhi by year-end**

hindustantimes.com, Jun 17, 2024

The first trial run of the Namo Bharat regional rail in the Delhi section can be expected by the end of the year, officials from the National Capital Region Transport Corporation (NCRTC) have said, adding that the civil construction of the viaduct in Delhi is nearly complete and work was ongoing at the station premises.

The Delhi section of the [Regional Rapid Transit System \(RRTS\)](#) is set to be inaugurated by mid-2025. The 14-km-long section in Delhi, including Sarai Kale Khan, New Ashok Nagar, and Anand Vihar RRTS stations, is progressing rapidly, officials said.



# Capital Connections: Networks Within

## Soon, national highways to be built with bio-bitumen made using biomas? Nitin Gadkari personally overseeing the project

timesofindia.

Jun 18 2024

India is set to embark on a pilot study to explore the feasibility of producing bio-bitumen from biomass or agricultural waste on a large scale. The Central Road Research Institute (CRRI) will collaborate with the Indian Institute of Petroleum, Dehradun to construct a 1-km road stretch using bio-bitumen.

According to an ET report, the success of this pilot study could pave the way for commercialization and transfer of the technology to private entities or public sector enterprises for mass production of bio-bitumen, which will be utilized in the construction of national highways.

At present, India imports approximately half of its annual bitumen requirement. The government aims to replace imports of bitumen with bio-bitumen over the next decade, a senior government official said.

## Meerut to Ghaziabad in 30 minutes: Namo Bharat Rapid rail services to Meerut South station may start next week

economictimes.

Jun 20, 2024

### Synopsis

The Namo Bharat rapid rail corridor is likely to be extended from Sahibabad to Meerut South by the end of this month, enhancing connectivity between Ghaziabad and Meerut. Approved by the Commissioner of Metro Rail Safety, this 8km extension will cut travel time to 30 minutes. The project includes 13 Meerut stations, with substantial benefits for students and commuters, promising a significant upgrade in travel efficiency.



Delhi Meerut rapid rail

In a good news for NCR commuters, trains on India's first Namo Bharat (rapid rail) corridor will soon extend their operations from Sahibabad to [Meerut South](#), a TOI report stated. As per reports, the [Rapid Rail](#) service between the two important cities between Ghaziabad and [Meerut](#) will start by the end of this month. This

move follows the clearance by the Commissioner of Metro Rail Safety (CMRS) for the third section of the corridor, which runs from Modinagar North to





# New projects to offer by NHAI

## NHAI to offer 15 road projects worth Rs 44,000 cr under BOT mode in FY25

June 19, 2024

State-owned NHAI plans to offer 15 road projects worth Rs 44,000 crore, covering 937 km, in the current financial year under the Build-Operate-Transfer (BOT) mode.

Earlier this year, the Ministry of Road Transport and Highways (MoRTH) introduced a revised BOT project document to attract private investment in the highways sector.

The projects include the Guwahati Ring Road with the Brahmaputra Bridge in Assam (project cost Rs 5,500 crore), the Kasarwadi-Rajgurunagar stretch in Maharashtra (Rs 5,954 crore), the Pune-Shirur road project in Maharashtra (Rs 6,170 crore), and the Armoor-Mancherial road project in Telangana (Rs 3,175 crore), among others.

In BOT projects, private investors finance, build and operate a highway project over a concession period of 20-30 years, recouping their investment through user charges or tolls.

financialexpress.com/

## Namo Bharat: Third Section of Delhi-Meerut RRTS Cleared For Operations, Marking Halfway Completion Of The 82-Km Corridor

swarajyamag.com Jun 20, 2024,

The Commissioner of Metro Rail Safety (CMRS) has approved the third section of the Delhi-Ghaziabad-Meerut Nammo Bharat (RRTS) train for commercial operations.

This 8 km segment, running from Modinagar North to Meerut South, will **extend** the train's operational route to 42 km, adding to the Sahibabad-Duhai and Duhai-Modinagar North section of the corridor.

This development also marks the halfway point of the 82 km Delhi-Meerut corridor, which is set for completion by mid-2025.

The safety inspections were conducted in the last week of May, followed by a final inspection by the CMRS. Officials mentioned that the opening date has yet to be finalised.

"The section will reduce the travel time from Sahibabad to Meerut South to nearly 30 minutes. Both state and central governments have

# Capital Connections: Networks Within

## Daibiru creates Gift City fund with Hines, invests Rs 1,000 crore in Gurgaon building

economictimes

Jun 20, 2024

### Synopsis

Daibiru Corporation, a subsidiary of Mitsui O.S.K. Lines, has invested Rs 1,000 crore in an upcoming office complex in Gurgaon developed by DLF and Hines. This investment facilitated the exit of Abu Dhabi Investment Authority (ADIA), with Hines holding a 33% stake in the joint venture. The project, named Atrium Place, spans 2.88 million square feet across 11.76 acres and is slated for completion in 2025.



Reuters

Representative image.

**Daibiru** Corporation, a subsidiary of the Japanese business conglomerate Mitsui O.S.K. Lines has invested Rs 1,000 crore in an under-construction office complex in **Gurgaon**, being developed by **DLF** in a joint venture with the global **investment** and development firm Hines, according to three persons familiar with the deal.

Hines, which holds a 33% stake in the joint venture, facilitated the exit of the Abu Dhabi Investment Authority (ADIA) by bringing in Daibiru as an investor.

## Delhi-Meerut Rapid Rail Corridor 50% Complete

constructionworld.in 24 Jun 2024

The Delhi-Meerut Rapid Rail Transit System (RRTS) has achieved a significant milestone, with 50% of its construction now complete. The National Capital Region Transport Corporation (NCRTC) is spearheading this ambitious project, which aims to revolutionise connectivity between Delhi and Meerut, cutting travel time drastically and enhancing commuter convenience.

This 82-kilometre-long corridor will facilitate rapid and efficient transportation, significantly reducing the travel time between Delhi and Meerut to just around 60 minutes. The project includes 24 stations, and once operational, it is expected to serve over 800,000 passengers daily, thus easing congestion on the roads and providing a sustainable transit solution.

Construction on various sections of the corridor is progressing at a brisk pace. The priority section between Sahibabad and Duhai is expected to be operational by 2023, with the entire corridor slated for completion by 2025. The RRTS will feature modern, high-speed trains capable of reaching speeds up to 180 km/h, enhancing the overall efficiency and



# Capital Crossroads: Where Policy Meets Community

## To Dehradun Expressway Section. 2 Hours Within People Will be In Mountains.

delhibreakings.com June 25, 2024

**Toll-Free Travel Begins:** Big news for travelers from New Delhi to Dehradun! The initial segment of the Delhi-Dehradun Expressway, spanning from Akshardham to the Loni Border, will not have any toll charges. This toll-free stretch covers approximately 18 kilometers, allowing commuters to enjoy a cost-free journey over this section.

### Expressway Details

**Stretch Overview:** The Delhi-Dehradun Expressway has been designed to facilitate smoother and quicker travel between these two major cities. While the initial part is toll-free, travelers will need to pay toll charges beyond the Loni Border based on the distance traveled.

### Toll Rates Beyond Loni Border

**Anticipated Toll Charges:** The National Highway Authority of India (NHAI) has set

## New Approval to Build 4500 New Homes for CISF Officers in Greater Noida Passed. Another Colony Coming in NCR Now.

delhibreakings.com June 28, 2024

### 4,500 Homes for CISF Personnel in Greater Noida. Greater Noida to Get More Security Housing

Greater Noida is set to witness the construction of 4,500 homes specifically for CISF (Central Industrial Security Force) personnel. This move comes as the Noida International Airport gears up for its security deployment strategy.

### Security Plan for Noida International Airport

A comprehensive security plan is being prepared for the Noida International Airport, which will see the deployment of around 8,500 security personnel. This includes a mix of police, CISF, and other paramilitary forces.

The CISF personnel will have their living arrangements within the airport premises. These accommodations will be one-room flats, providing a convenient location for

# Capital Crossroads: Where Policy Meets Community

## Dwarka Expressway spearheads Gurugram's real estate renaissance

financialexpress.com/ June 28, 2024

The Dwarka Expressway has sparked a surge of activity in Gurugram's real estate market, catching the attention of homebuyers and investors alike. This corridor represents a significant breakthrough in the saga of Gurugram's development, fuelling economic growth and changing the city's skyline. Alongside rising property values, the expressway has electrified the expansion of infrastructure and boosted economic activities in the region. Gurugram now stands at the forefront of India's growing real estate sector, attracting interest from both domestic and international markets. The buzz surrounding the Dwarka Expressway drums up its pivotal role in shaping Gurugram's future as a vibrant and dynamic urban centre.

Enhanced connectivity between Delhi and Gurugram is driving a notable surge in Gurugram's real estate [market](#). The central peripheral road, acting as a crucial connector linking the Dwarka Expressway to Sohna Road via the Southern Peripheral Road (SPR), is pivotal in keeping the growth momentum on. Prime Minister [Narendra Modi](#)'s recent inauguration of the Haryana section of the Dwarka Expressway is anticipated to streamline traffic flow and alleviate

## Greater Noida Gets Direct Metro Link to Delhi Airport and New Delhi Railway Station

June 28, 2024,

Exciting news is on the horizon for residents of Noida and Greater Noida! The Aqua Line Metro, a crucial part of the public transportation system, is set to be extended. This expansion aims to bring the cities closer together and improve connectivity for thousands of commuters. Here's everything you need to know about this significant development:

The Uttar Pradesh Cabinet has given the green light to extend the Aqua Line Metro by 11.5 kilometers. This extension will stretch from Sector 142 to the Botanical Garden station. The estimated cost for this project is INR 2,254 crore. This new corridor will not only enhance the local transportation network but also provide seamless connectivity to Delhi Metro's Blue and Magenta lines, making travel across the National Capital Region (NCR) much more convenient.

### New Stations

The extended route will feature several new stations, including:

- Botanical Garden
- Sector 44
- Noida Authority Office in Sector 96
- Sector 97

nativeplanet.com/



# New UnderPass Route For Noida Passed. Another Road to Link Delhi Noida, Faridabad and Ghaziabad

June 30, 2024

## Noida to Build Underpass at Parthala Signature Bridge

🔍 **Noida**, Senior Correspondent:

An underpass will be constructed beneath the Parthala Signature Bridge on the Faridabad-Noida-Ghaziabad (FNG) route. This new underpass will facilitate travel from Chhijarsi to Sorak Village. The CEO of Noida Authority has issued directives to commence this project.

## Road Widening Near Film City

Preparations are underway for widening the road at five points near the Film City route. The work is expected to begin by the end of July or early August. The CEO of Noida Authority, Dr. Lokesh M, held a meeting on Saturday to discuss various development projects. It was noted that the number of vehicles on the FNG route is increasing, necessitating these improvements.

delhibreakings.com,

# Capital Crossroads: Where Policy Meets Community



## Capital Crossroads: Where Policy Meets Community

### Ghaziabad: A key player in the Delhi NCR property market

financialexpress.com July 1, 2024

Ghaziabad, a vital part of the Delhi NCR, is making significant strides in the residential real estate market. Known for its relatively affordable properties compared to areas like Gurgaon and Noida, the city is experiencing increased activity driven by major infrastructural developments.

According to SquareYards.com, Ghaziabad witnessed nearly 11,000 property transactions in the first quarter of 2024. The majority of these transactions occurred in the less than INR 50 lakh price range, comprising more than three-quarters of the total transaction volume.

Key localities along NH-9 (old NH-24), such as Indirapuram, Shahpur Bamheta, Pratap Vihar, Vaishali, and Raj Nagar Extension along Meerut Road, saw the bulk of these transactions. In terms of gross transaction value, Indirapuram led with properties totaling INR 701 crore sold during this period.

“Ghaziabad, a crucial part of the Delhi NCR, benefits from its close proximity and excellent connectivity to Delhi and Noida’s commercial hubs. It is well-equipped with physical and social infrastructure such as healthcare and



# Deadlines on NCR project

## Complete Noida airport work by September 29: UP chief secy

Jun 29, 2024

hindustantimes.com

GREATER NOIDA: Uttar Pradesh chief secretary DS Mishra on Friday directed the Yamuna International Airport Private Limited (YIAPL), that is special purpose vehicle formed for the purpose, to complete the Noida International Airport work by this September 29, paving way for the operations that are scheduled to begin by 2024-end.

Mishra along with the officials from Noida International Airport Limited (NIAL), Yamuna expressway industrial development authority (Yeida) and YIAPL conducted the site inspection to check the progress of this crucial project.

The visit came days after the YIAPL informed the UP government that the airport work will be delayed by seven

## Delhi Metro fourth phase expansion: DMRC sets 2026 deadline for all three corridors, Janakpuri West extension expected by August

financialexpress.com July 1, 2024

The Delhi Metro Rail Corporation (DMRC) on Sunday (June 30) reported significant progress on its Phase 4 expansion project, despite challenges posed by the COVID-19 pandemic and delays in regulatory approvals. According to DMRC officials, more than 50 per cent of the work has been completed on all three priority corridors, totaling 65 kilometers, which are slated for operationalisation by 2026.

The officials informed that the project, which began in December 2019, faced setbacks from 2020 to 2022 due to the pandemic and delays in obtaining necessary permissions for tree cutting. However, the past one-and-a-half to two years have seen steady progress, providing DMRC with a timeline of approximately four years to finalise the expansion.



# Funds Allocation: Where Policy Meets Community

## GMDA to allocate ₹2,800 crore for infrastructure in Gurugram

hindustantimes.com

Jul 04, 2024

The Gurugram Metropolitan Development Authority (GMDA) plans to allocate approximately ₹2,800 crore for various infrastructure projects, with the proposed budget to be discussed at the authority's 13th meeting scheduled for July 10, officials aware of the development said. Haryana chief minister Nayab Singh Saini will chair the annual meeting in Chandigarh, they added.

According to GMDA officials, the agenda of the meeting includes several projects aimed at enhancing the water treatment capacity, sewage treatment, construction of roads, laying pipelines and upgrading the Tau Devi Lal stadium. In addition to the projects, which would be up for approval by GMDA chairman CM Saini, the authority has proposed a

## Delhi To Lucknow Travel in Half Time. 70 KM Distance Reduced With New Expressway.

delhibreakings.com July 3, 2024

The efforts to connect Delhi and [Noida](#) with major cities across India are moving at a rapid pace. Uttar Pradesh (UP) has already laid down an extensive network of expressways, and two more are now in the pipeline. These new expressways are expected to significantly cut down the travel time from Noida to Lucknow, reducing it by almost half.

Additionally, there will be a reduction in the distance of over 70 kilometers. Both the UP government and the National Highways Authority of India (NHAI) are building these expressways, which will also benefit those traveling to and from Kanpur.

The NHAI is set to construct an expressway from Ghaziabad-Noida to Kanpur. Additionally, another expressway is being built between Kanpur and Lucknow. Once completed, there will be two routes from Noida to Lucknow: the existing Yamuna and Agra Expressways, and the new Noida-Kanpur and Kanpur-Lucknow expressways.



# Power and People: Stories from the National Capital Region

## Yamuna Expressway Authority to acquire 1,900 hectares in Tappal near Noida airport project

moneycontrol.com JULY 05, 2024

The [Yamuna Expressway Industrial Development Authority \(YEIDA\)](#) has decided to acquire around 1,900-hectare additional land near Tappal in Aligarh, officials aware of the matter said.

They said that the additional land will be used for a number of industrial and manufacturing projects that have been planned by the Authority around the upcoming [Noida International Airport](#).

Tappal, thanks to its proximity to the upcoming airport, is fast turning into a real estate hotspot for investment. According to officials, illegal projects, including housing and commercial, are flourishing on notified land for industrial development and are hindering the planned development around Noida airport.

Officials said that the move to acquire additional 1,861 hectares of land near Tappal will also discourage encroachment and mushrooming of illegal housing and commercial projects on the notified land.

## Ghaziabad Masterplan 2031: After RRTS Influence Zones, UP Government Initiates Transit-Oriented Development Along Metro Corridors

Jul 09, 2024,

Utilising the potential of metro corridors in Ghaziabad city, UP state officials have instructed the Ghaziabad Development Authority (GDA) to designate 500 metres of transit-oriented development (TOD) zones along the metro alignment, as per a *Hindustan Times* report.

The TOD zones will be defined and included in the draft Master Plan 2031 for the city once the state's notification is received by the authority.

The draft Master Plan 2031, a 10-year development roadmap for Ghaziabad, is expected to receive final approval in the coming months, after which it will replace the existing Master Plan 2021.

TOD is a widely embraced approach that promotes development along public transit corridors, leading to more efficient land utilisation.

It is considered a sustainable alternative to urban sprawl, maximising the use of existing infrastructure and optimising transit networks.



# Power and People: Stories from the National Capital Region

## Noida Airport to Aerocity in just 66 mins? By 2030, this super-fast rapid rail will make it a reality

indianexpress.com/ July 24, 2024

In five years, a super-fast rapid rail will take you from the upcoming Noida International Airport (NIA) to Delhi's Sarai Kale Khan in less than an hour. Going to Delhi Aerocity, meanwhile, will take just 66 minutes.

This will be made possible by the 72-km-long Rapid Rail-Metro corridor that will connect Ghaziabad RRTS station with NIA in Jewar.

In a crucial step towards securing approval for the project, the National Capital Region Transport Corporation (NCRTC) has submitted a revised detailed project report (DPR) with changes to the Yamuna Expressway Industrial Development Authority (YEIDA). Officials said with the new report, it is expected that the [Uttar Pradesh](#) Cabinet will give its nod to execute the project in this form.

Dr Arun Vir Singh, CEO, Yamuna Authority, said: "The DPR has been sent to the UP government; the Cabinet will take the final decision. Apart from the change in alignment, the major thing is how the project will be funded and which department will spend how much money. After these changes, we are hopeful to receive a nod from the government soon."

## Namo Bharat train station's weekly musical event attempts to woo more travellers

Jul 24, 2024



To improve the commuting experience for passengers on the Delhi-Ghaziabad-Meerut RRTS corridor, the National Capital Region Transport Corporation (NCRTC) has come up with a new initiative called '*Namo Bharat Unplugged: Live Musical Fridays*'.

Under the new initiative, weekly live performances will be organised by local artisans and music bands on every Friday at the concourse level of the Ghaziabad RRTS Station from 6 to 7 pm, with the inaugural event being organised on July 26, 2024.





## **GDA plans 'Naya Ghaziabad' township near RRTS corridor**

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The Ghaziabad Development Authority (GDA) has started the process to develop an altogether new township alongside the corridor of the Regional Rapid Transit System (RRTS) project in Ghaziabad, said authority officials on Thursday.

Officials said the new township, "Naya Ghaziabad (new Ghaziabad)", will extend the spread of Ghaziabad city and will accommodate about 5,000 residences.

The under construction 82km long RRTS project aims to connect Delhi, Ghaziabad and Meerut with the help of high-speed trains.

The authority has already defined an influence zone of 1.5km radius from each of the eight RRTS stations for transit oriented development (TOD) where mixed land use will be made available along with extra floor area ratio for more

**Power and People:  
'Naya Ghaziabad' on the go**



### **Brief of Rajeev Chadha (Public Private Partnership Infrastructure and Investment, Guru)**

Rajeev (*aka PPPII Guru*), MBA (Finance), Faculty of Management Studies, Delhi University, M.Sc (Electronics), MRICS (London), CAIIB, M.S(Consultancy Management-BITS Pilani), IRDA, AMFI certified. Rajeev is a professionally trained ex-banker (Management Trainee -1986 batch) from the second largest bank in India (Punjab National Bank). Rajeev has 38++ years of rich, varied, and **unique industry experience** spread across top MNCs (**Ascendas Pte**), Public Sector (**Punjab National Bank**) / Private Sector (**Gold Souk, Wegman**), Central Government ( **Ministry of Finance, Ministry of Urban Development**) / state governments (**Government of Uttaranchal + 20 other States of India** ) and **Government of Singapore**, statutory bodies (**National Capital Region Planning Board, Ministry of Urban Development** ) and regulators (**Inland Waterways Authority of India**) in the infrastructure domain. Rajeev has been in leadership roles as CEO of four Real Estate Companies in India in the pre-demonetization era including two Real Estate and Infrastructure Private Equity and Venture Funds. Rajeev has provided **consulting inputs to top international strategy consulting companies** such as McKinsey, Bain, BCG, GLG, Deloitte, PwC and KPMG as a subject expert in the areas of infrastructure (all sub-sectors) as well as public, corporate, project and personal financing & infrastructure planning. Rajeev has worked extensively with the Government of India including the Ministry of Finance and the Ministry of Housing and Urban Affairs at the senior management level. This work besides Urban Infrastructure development also includes Smart Cities and land monetization.

Rajeev has been involved in infrastructure planning, financing & advisory of over **1800++ infrastructure projects/schemes aggregating to Rs.65 lac** crores spread across **ALL sectors**. This includes **350++ PPP projects** in various stages of development and **250++ transaction advisory assignments**. Rajeev has undertaken Capacity Building and Training of over 6000++ professionals in India, Nepal, Bangladesh, Sri Lanka, and Singapore in innovative infrastructure financing, PPP (all sectors), land monetization, smart cities, and climate/disaster financing. Rajeev has also taught in two Management Colleges as external faculty as well as the Training College of Punjab National Bank in his areas of expertise i.e. Infrastructure, PPP, Urban / Smart Cities / Real Estate / Climate Financing etc.

*Currently, Rajeev is also involved in 11 top infrastructure consulting assignments as a Team leader or Finance / PPP expert in South Asia along with the Infrastructure/PPP expert for Swadesh Darshan 2.0, Ministry of Tourism, PPP/finance/real estate expert in Musi River Front Development & Transit Oriented Development based Zonal Development Plan Ghaziabad (NCRTC) Projects Namo Bharat. He has been invited as a subject expert in SPA Delhi, Basic PPP training in Bangladesh (ADB project) & PPP Expert for the training program on transport infrastructure projects for BIMSTEC.*

*Rajeev is the only Asian to provide training not just in India but government-sponsored training workshops to government servants/bankers in Nepal, Bangladesh, and Sri Lanka. He has provided consultation and insights to the officials of the Holy City of Mecca and a Master Trainer for 9-day workshop for the PPP practitioners of Malawi.*



# RAJEEV CHADHA

**Infrastructure Finance & Policy, Procurement , PPP ( all sectors ) , Banking & Multilateral Projects, Government Finances , Sustainable Development, Climate Finance , Institutional Development & Governance**

**INDIA**



## Years of Experience

- 38+ Years

## Qualifications

- MBA, FMS Delhi University
- M.Sc. (Electronics ), Delhi University (Equivalent to B.E Electronics )
- Prince2R Project Management

## Key Expertise

- Infrastructure Finance & PPP ( Project initiation to execution –entire lifecycle including appraisals )
- Banking, Private Equity & Venture Fund
- Urban Development & Large Infrastructure Projects
- Financing, Fundraising and Strategies for Government Organisations, Cities, Urban Development Bodies, State & Central Governments and Projects
- Public Financing (Central, State & ULBs )

## Background

Rajeev has 38 + years of **unique** industry experience spread across top MNCs, Public / Private Sector organisations, Central / State Governments, Statutory bodies and regulators. **Rajeev also provided consulting inputs to top international strategy consulting companies such as McKinsey, Bain, BCG, GLG, PwC and KPMG as subject experts.** His consulting experience of 15+ years is across areas such as strategic advice, organization development, new policy formulation and framework, pre-feasibility and feasibility studies, project conceptualization and planning, the entire life cycle of project management & and program management, monitoring and review, mid-course correction, team management and providing overall leadership to assignments/projects and organizations.

Rajeev is currently involved in multiple advisory / Transaction Advisory projects in the Infrastructure sector.

- 1. Team Leader for TA services to National High-Speed Rail Development Corporation (NHRCL) for generating revenue from commercial utilisation of the High-Speed Rail Terminal at Sabarmati, Ahmedabad.**
- 3. Investment, Finance & PPP Expert for Swadesh Darshan 2.0 for Himachal Pradesh & Jharkhand, Assam, Arunachal and Ladakh**
- 5. Subject Expert, Capacity Building ERD /NPD, Government of Sri Lanka & PPPA, PMO, Government of Bangladesh**
- 6. PPP/Real Estate/ Infrastructure Finance / TOD expert of Musi River Front Development**
- 7. PPP/ Real Estate / Infrastructure Finance / TOD expert - Zonal Development Plan Ghaziabad, NCRTC, Namo Bharat**
- 8. Master Trainer for PPP Practitioners from PPP Commission of the Republic of Malawi - P3World Council**
- 9.Global Smart City, Finance, Climate & Disaster,PPP, TOD,Real Estate & Land monetization Expert - City of Mecca**

## Key Experience

- **Team Leader & Finance / PPP Expert , PPP Cell. Department of Economic Affairs ( DEA ), Ministry of Finance** handling National Infrastructure Pipeline (NIP), National Monetization Pipeline (NMP), Gati Shakti & Centre of Excellence – PPP ( FCDO Funded)
  - Appraisal of large infrastructure projects on behalf of DEA (SFC. PIB . DIB , EFC , VGF , PPPAC & IIPDF Proposals)
  - Policy making & capacity building for Public Private Partnership Projects (PPP) in India ( FCDO Funded Project).
- Team Leader, GeM ( Government E-Market Place , Ministry of Commerce ) , PMU –KPMG handling services design on GeM
- Team Leader ( Medipark Industrial Estate , Chennai , Tamil Nadu ) – PMC –KPMG handling end to end advisory of Medical Devices Industrial Park.
- Team Leader Program Management for PMIDC, Govt. of Punjab for Smart City, HRIDAY, Swachh Bharat, Ease of doing Business, AMRUT . Supported Government of Punjab as overall leader & Finance / PPP Expert.
- Urban Finance & PPP Expert for PwC & KPMG. Inputs to 35 Smart cities namely Karnal , Indore, Gwalior, Bilaspur, Pasighat , Allahabad, Greater Warangal, Shivamogga, Hubbli Dharwad, Agartala & Karimnagar since 2015 . 17 Smart Cities of U.P in 2020-21 in a KPMG PMU Both Area based development (ABD) as well as Pan City ICT components of Smart Cities.
- Finance Expert at JBIC Funded Program Management for Yamuna Action Plan (YAP 2)- MoEF, Govt. of India. Urban reforms component. Entire life cycle of project management for a Japanese MNC Company – Tokyo Engineering Consultants.
- Consultant for Govt. of A.P, Resident Commissioner Office, New Delhi handling ten (10) key Infrastructure Ministries & follow-up of Govt of AP Infrastructure projects
- Consultant ( Finance & Audit ) , IWAI, Ministry of Shipping. **World Bank assisted Waterways JVM -1** . Handling CAG issues & advice on Finance matters. Fundraising by way of Bonds. Consultant, Ministry of Minority Affairs. Project appraisals for Grant disbursements. Approved Inspecting Authority of MAEF.Joint Director Finance NCR Planning Board. Infrastructure Projects in the NCR Region.
- CEO of two real estate companies in NCR Region doing end to end Real Estate Projects including SEZs & Integrated Townships.



## Key Achievements

- Infrastructure planning, financing and advisory of **over 1800++ infrastructure projects/schemes aggregating to Rs. 58 Lac Crore spread across ALL sectors.**
- Advisory of **350+ PPP Projects. Out of these 150 PPP Projects are at various stages of the project life cycle** spread across ALL sectors.
- **Transaction Advisory of over 250+ Infrastructure Projects** (Brownfield & Greenfield)
- **Capacity Building on PPP / Infrastructure Planning and financing to National Bank of Infrastructure, Bankers and Government Officers of Nepal** through NIBM
- Capacity Building on Infrastructure Financing for External Resources Department, Government of Sri Lanka.
- **Teaching assignments at two Management Colleges in the Delhi / NCR Region on subjects related to Infrastructure, Finance, Banking and real estate.**
- Strategic advice to the Department of Economic Affairs, Ministry of Finance, Government of India in large Infrastructure Project appraisals (SFC, EFC, PIB, DIB, VGF, IIPDF & PPPA. Over 100+ largest Infrastructure Projects in India were appraised during the period (2020-22). The total Project Cost involved Rs 5 lac crore.
- Strategic advice to the Department of Economic Affairs, Ministry of Finance, Government of India on Policy matters related to Public Private Partnership (PPP) – ALL Sectors
- Strategic inputs to 35 Smart Cities in India in various Capacities as part of Project Management Consultants (PMC) and Project Management Unit (PMU) in 15 States in India.
- Enhanced Investment Portfolio of Punjab National Bank by 40% and increased Investment yield by 150 basis points across all types of financial instruments and maturities (1992-98).
- Played a key role in the Implementation of Finacle software at Punjab National Bank (1994-98)
- Supported the Banking Division, Government of India in enacting the DRT Act (SARFAESI Act) and set up Debt Recovery Tribunals all over India.
- Transformation of Punjab National Bank Mutual Fund (2001) – a subsidiary of Punjab National Bank
- Joint Director (Finance) at National Capital Region Planning Board, Ministry of Urban Development and supported Infrastructure Development in NCR Region.
  - Raised Rs 3000 Cr by way of Private Placement of Bonds. Appraised over 300+Infrastructure Projects in the NCR Region
  - Involved in large Infrastructure Projects such as KMP, FNG Expressway, IRBT, Delhi Metro, RRTS etc. Integrated Townships Projects in NOIDA, Gurgaon, Faridabad etc
  - Managed the entire accounts & finance of NCRPB
  - Capacity Building Workshops for ULBs in NCR Region
  - Prepared the Regional Plan 2021 of NCR
- Joined SIDCUL, Government of Uttaranchal as General Manager (Infrastructure) and was involved in landmark Rurdrapur Industrial Estate & IT Park Dehradun development.
- Worked on Urban Sector Reforms under Yamuna Action Plan -2
- Raised Rs 1000 Cr for Solitaire Capital Advisors Singapore based Private Equity Firm
- Joined Ascendas Pte Limited (Fully owned by Government of India) in 2008 as Vice President (North India Operations)
  - Prepared Business Plans for two SEZs in Gurgaon – one a JV with Dabur Group and the other with IREO
  - Worked on Singapore India Economic Zone. Involved in over 20 Business development deals which included the acquisition of DLF Cyber City properties
  - Listed the properties of Ascendas as REITS on the Singapore Stock Exchange (SGX)
  - Interacted with Central Government & State Government. Represented tCompany at various domestic and international forums such as FICCI, CII, ASSOCHAM, KOTRA, JETRO etc
- Worked as Professional CEO of two Real Estate Companies in 2012-17. Developed 25 Acre SEZ and 100 Acre Township. 25 Acre SEZ at NOIDA Ext leased out one tower of 3 lac sft to IBM.
- Professional CEO & successfully developed Worked on Multiple assignments with Mckinsey, Bain and BCG providing support in the areas of my expertise
- Advised BHEL on Procurement-related matters pertaining to Make in India.
- Inspected, and appraised over 10 projects for Maulana Azad Education Trust, MOEF, and GoI for grant funding.
- Raised Rs 300 Cr by way of Private Placement of Bonds for IWAI, Govt of India





## Key Professional Milestones

- Joined Punjab National Bank as a Management Trainee in Aug 1986.
- Joint Director - NCRPB, Ministry of Urban Development, Govt. of India - (2001 - 04)
- O.S.D - Banking Division, Ministry of Finance, Govt. of India - (1999 - 2000)
- Vice President - Punjab National Bank - (1986 - 2001)
- G.M – SIDCUL, Govt. of Uttaranchal - (2004 - 05)
- Finance Consultant - Yamuna Action Plan 2 - (2005 - 06)
- Vice President - Solitaire Capital (SEBI Regd Infra Fund) - (2006 - 08)
- Vice President - Ascends Pte Ltd (Fully Owned by Govt. of Singapore - (2008 - 11)
- President - Arenes Gold Souk, Gurgaon - (2011 - 13)
- CEO - Wegmans Trustone Group, NOIDA - (2013 - 16)
- CEO - AMRAC Advisors Pvt. Ltd (SEBI Registered AIF - II - (2016)
- Consultant - Andhra Bhawan, Government of Andhra Pradesh - (2016)
- Consultant - IWAI, Ministry of Shipping, Government of India - (2016 - 17)
- Consultant - MAEF, Ministry of Minority Affairs, Govt. of India - (2016 till date)
- Director - PWC - Government & Public Sector Advisory - (2017 - 19)
- Sr. Advisor KPMG – Govt. & Public Sector Advisory / Major Project Advisory (2019-TILL DATE)

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### Dhaka, Bangladesh Dec 2024



### Colombo, Sri Lanka Jan 2024



### Kathmandu, Nepal April 2022



### Colombo, Sri Lanka Sep 2023

