



UP Cabinet Approves Key Projects at Maha Kumbh

Why in News?

The Uttar Pradesh Cabinet, led by Chief Minister Yogi Adityanath, held a significant meeting on 22nd January, 2025, at the [Maha Kumbh Mela](#) site in Prayagraj.

- The State government reiterated its focus on creating a safe, prosperous, and well-connected Uttar Pradesh, blending **economic development** with **cultural pride**.

Key Points

Key Highlights of the Meeting:

- **Major Decisions and Announcements:**
 - The Cabinet approved a **revamp of the State's aerospace and defence policies**.
 - New incentives were introduced to attract substantial investments in these sectors, aligning with **Uttar Pradesh's vision for economic growth and industrial development**.
 - Two significant expressway projects received in-principle approval:
 - **Vindhya Expressway:** A 320-kilometre-long project connecting Prayagraj, Mirzapur, Varanasi, Chandauli, and Sonbhadra.
 - **Vindhya-Purvanchal Link Expressway:** A 100-kilometre-long expressway aimed at further improving regional connectivity.
 - **Significance:**
 - The **Vindhya Expressway** will link **Prayagraj and Sonbhadra**, starting from the [Ganga Expressway](#) and ending at **National Highway (NH 39)**.
 - The expressway will strengthen Uttar Pradesh's infrastructure and improve access to neighboring States like **Jharkhand, Madhya Pradesh, and Chhattisgarh**.
 - These projects are expected to boost social and economic development, particularly in the **Vindhya and Purvanchal regions**, while complementing the State's existing network of expressways.

Ganga Expressway

- 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.

