

Dwarka Eway set to open in March

The much awaited 8-lane Dwarka Expressway, an alternative alignment to NH-8 connecting Gurgaon to Delhi, is set to be operational by March 2018

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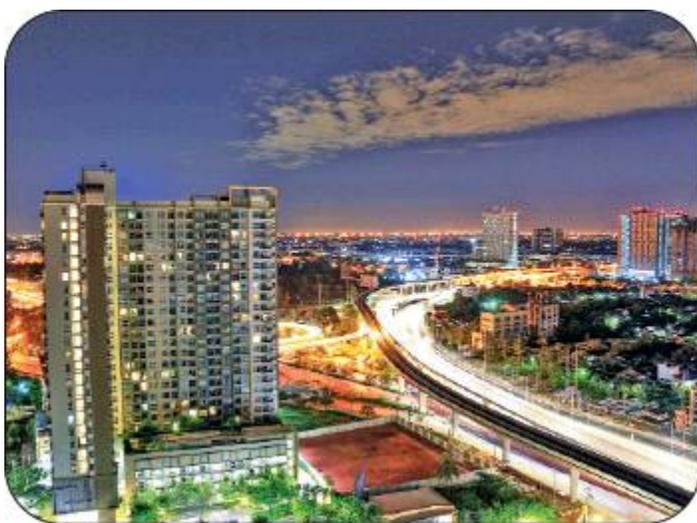
The Union government named Dwarka Expressway NH-8A and handed over the construction and management to NHAI; it has also proposed huge investment to decongest NH-8, connecting Delhi and Gurgaon.

Dwarka Expressway—which will decongest NH-8 to a great extent—will be further upgraded with a 4km tunnel from Sector 21, Dwarka, to T3 terminal of the IGI airport at the one end, and, on the other end of the expressway, a cloverleaf flyover will be constructed at Kherki Daula in Gurgaon to give smooth connectivity to NH-8.

The government has issued tender for the flyover and invited bids from consultants for the construction of the tunnel. However, Dwarka Expressway will become operation by March 2018, a senior official of NHAI said.

Dwarka Expressway, also known as Northern Peripheral Road (NPR), connects NH-8 in Kherki Daula, Gurgaon, with Dwarka in Delhi. According to the plan, a 4km tunnel will be constructed from the Metro Station at Sector 21 of Dwarka to terminal T3 of the IGI airport to carry the airport traffic from Gurgaon, Dwarka, Southwest, West, and North Delhi.

According to the plan, the construction of the tunnel and the cloverleaf flyover will be completed by 2020.



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Most of the construction on the 22km-long expressway, along with a rail over-bridge, in Haryana has been completed. A small portion of expressway—around 500 metres—was delayed due to delay in taking possession of land. Now, all the hurdles have been removed and the construction of the road on the Haryana side will be completed soon.

Traffic will be merged at Kherki Daula, till the cloverleaf flyover is completed, through a U-turn from the nearest flyover.

On the Delhi side, construction of around 900 metres of the expressway has been delayed owing to the delay in acquisition of land in Dwarka. NHAI has said that it is likely to complete the acquisition of around 8 hectares by the year end. A source in NHAI said that the construction would be completed and the road is to become operational within weeks from the date of acquisition of the land.

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On the Dwarka side, the expressway will turn towards NH-8 at Bharthal Chowk along the Urban Extension Road II (UER II) and merge with NH-8 near Shiv Murti in Delhi.

The construction of the road will be a boon to over 50,000 apartment buyers in over 100 projects along this expressway. At present, connectivity to the area on both sides of Dwarka Expressway is poor. This has affected the plan of developers, who several projects along the stretch.

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