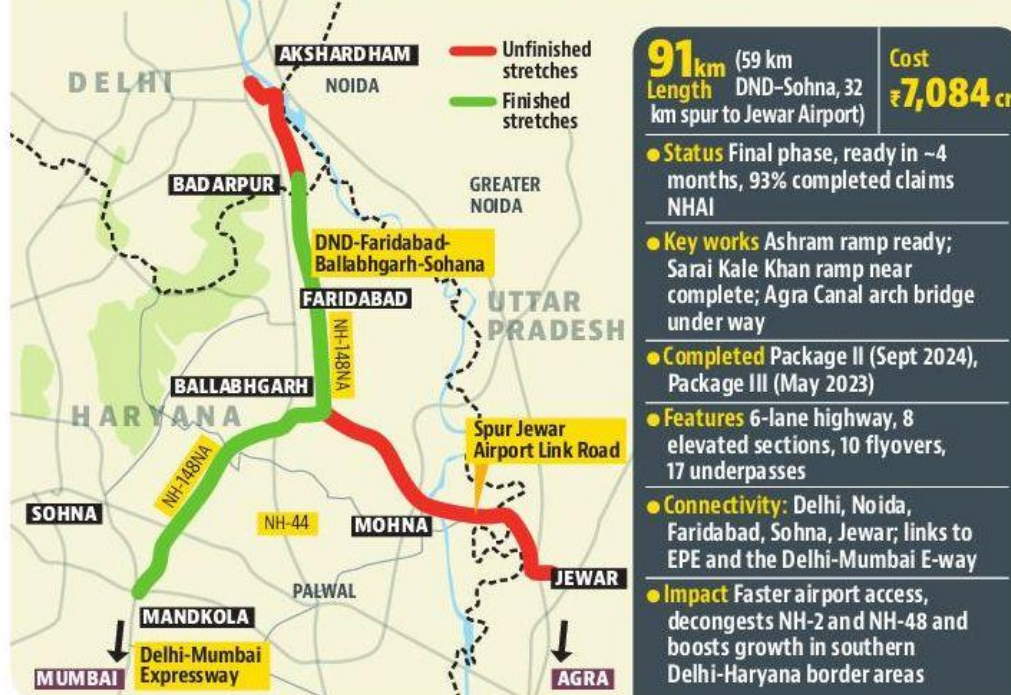


Key NCR link set to be ready in 4 mnths

NH-148A to cut commute time



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NEW DELHI: The NH-148A project, a long-planned high-speed link connecting the Delhi-Noida-Direct (DND) Flyway to Sohna and eventually the upcoming Noida International Airport in Jewar, is entering its final phase and is expected to be ready within the next four months, officials said.

Once operational, the corridor will significantly ease traffic between Delhi, Noida, Faridabad and cities beyond, offering a parallel route to the heavily burdened NH-2 and NH-48. Officials said one key structure on the Delhi side – a ramp on the DND Flyway descending toward Ashram – is nearly ready. Work continues on the opposite Sarai Kale Khan ramp and the most complex part: an arch bridge over the Agra Canal. That structure is among the last remaining hurdles before the Delhi-Faridabad

section is complete.

The alignment begins at the DND Flyway and runs through Kalindi Kunj, Faridabad, Ballabhgarh and Sohna before merging with Mohna and branching toward Jewar via a spur. "The project is nearly finished and should be ready in four months. Its aim is to decongest traffic in Delhi, especially from northern and eastern parts, and give a faster link to Jewar, Ghaziabad, Jaipur, Faridabad, Mumbai and Kolkata," an official said.

The progress was reviewed in June by Delhi chief minister Rekha Gupta, Union road transport and highways minister Nitin Gadkari, and senior NHAI officials, who confirmed the last civil works were under way.

The NH-148A spans 91km total – 59km from DND to Sohna, followed by a 32km spur to Jewar. Built at an estimated cost of ₹7,084 crore, it is a six-lane access-controlled highway with three-lane service roads. The

project includes eight elevated stretches, 10 flyovers, and 17 underpasses and several bridges.

NHAI officials said Package-II was completed in September 2024 and Package-III in May 2023. The under-construction Agra Canal bridge is the final structure for Package-I. A proposed Package-IV toward Kota is still in planning.

Urban planners expect the corridor to reshape development patterns in southern Delhi and Haryana border neighbourhoods, making them more attractive for commercial and residential projects. The alignment also links with major corridors like the Eastern Peripheral and Delhi-Mumbai Expressway.

The spur to Jewar is designed to accommodate the expected surge in airport-bound traffic once operations begin at Noida International Airport in the coming weeks. NHAI expects NH-148A to emerge as a faster alternate route, reducing snarls.