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OUR AIM IS TO LURE MORE INVESTORS THROUGH THE WEB PORTAL AND GENERATE EMPLOYMENT ALONG YAMUNA EXPRESSWAY

SHAIKENDRA BHATIA, officer on special duty, Yamuna Expressway authority

Gzb authority plans **infra revamp**, 3 flyovers proposed to ease snarls

TRAFFIC CONCERNS Authority sets apart a ₹500 crore budget for new roads, repair of old ones

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GHAZIABAD: The Ghaziabad development authority (GDA) has proposed to spend ₹500 crore on infrastructure projects, including expenditure on flyovers, installation of solar power plants at six locations, construction of low-cost housing and also widening of roads.

GDA vice-chairperson, Ritu Maheshwari, on Monday said the prime focus this year would be to reduce traffic congestion and to improve the traffic infrastructure. For the same, the authority has proposed three flyovers, of which work on two have already been started at Vasundhara and Raj Nagar Extension.

"The third flyover is proposed at Hapur Chungi, for which we have planned to convert it to six lanes instead of previously proposed four lanes. A revised detailed project report is being prepared for the purpose. It will have cost increase for the project," she said.

"Although the flyovers are proposed to be completed within one and half years, we intend to complete the flyovers within one year, by the end of 2018. The agency for the Shastri Nagar flyover will be selected later after the revised DPR gets approved," she said.

According to the officials of the engineering wing of the authority, the flyover at Shastri Nagar will span for a length of 940 metres and will be constructed on a single stretch.

"Earlier, the flyover was proposed in two stretches. Now, it will start at Shastri Nagar crossing near Kavi Nagar and will span to the other side, over the Hapur Chungi intersection. This will help entire traffic move smoothly towards the Meerut Road (erstwhile NH-58)," said SS Verma, superintending engineer, GDA.

He said that a proposal, for approval, of the cost of ₹20 crore has been sent to the state government for construction of the damaged old bridge over river Hindon. This bridge was closed for



A flyover is likely to be constructed between the Kavi Nagar and Hapur Chungi intersections.

SAKIB ALVI/HT PHOTO

commuters after it developed cracks last year.

Officials said that the work on the Dhobhi Ghat rail overbridge is also likely to be completed in 2018. This flyover will connect Vijay Nagar to city areas while passing through the Ghaziabad junction.

A major investment of nearly ₹271 crore is also proposed for the purpose of constructing low-cost housing under the 'Pradhan Mantri Awas Yojna.'

For the purpose, the GDA and the UP Awas Vikas in Ghaziabad have received a target of construction of 9,500 and 5,000 flats, respectively.

"Of the target of the GDA, we have sent a DPR for 2,500 flats. Once the DPR is approved by the state government, the construction will start," Maheshwari said.

Six solar power plants to be installed

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GHAZIABAD: The Ghaziabad Development Authority (GDA) is planning to install six solar power plants at a cost of ₹5 crore in 2018. The total capacity will be of 5 megawatts and will help cut down electricity charges, officials said.

The solar plants will be installed at two sewage treatment plants, city forest, district headquarters and GDA office, among several community centres.

Officials of the authority said that the funds for the installation of power plants will come from

SOLAR PLANTS WILL BE INSTALLED AT TWO SEWAGE TREATMENT PLANTS, CITY FOREST, GDA OFFICE AND DIST HEADQUARTERS

the ₹500 crore that is earmarked to be spent on improving the city infrastructure in 2018.

"These will be installed at the two major STPs at Indirapuram and Madhuban Bapudham. The installation at STPs will save huge electricity and fuel bills that are paid to the electricity department. Further, the plants

will also come up at city forest, GDA headquarters, district collectorate and five of our community centres in the city," SS Verma, superintending engineer, GDA, said.

"We intend to complete the installation of the six solar plants within a period of six months, in 2018. These will also help us move to non-conventional sources of energy and will be helping to reduce environmental pollution," he said.

The two STPs at Indirapuram and Madhuban Bapudham are of 56MLD capacity each.

Further, the decks have also been cleared for the operation of an STP at Raj Nagar Extension.

Officials said that court cases for the disputed piece of land were resolved and the STP is now being initiated.

"The STP can be made functional in January and our teams are working on its operations," Verma said.

The STP was lying dysfunctional in view of the litigation after it was constructed three years ago at a cost of nearly ₹78 crore.

Operations of the STP will benefit nearly 17,000 families that have shifted to Raj Nagar Extension. It is expected that another 10,000 families will shift to affordable housing destinations in 2018.

they say

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