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Eastern peripheral e-way to open by month-end

WHAT'S IN STORE

- Closed tolling,** entry/exit at designated locations
- Solar lighting**
- 28 fountains**
- 6 wayside amenities** with petrol pumps, motels, washrooms, restaurants, repair shops etc
- 2.5 lakh trees** to be planted
- Rainwater harvesting** at every **500 metres**
- Replica of 36 monuments** on the corridor
- Overloaded vehicles won't be allowed



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New Delhi: The opening of 135-km Eastern Peripheral Expressway (EPE) has been pushed to April-end to ensure that traffic moves seamlessly on this bypass, intended at decongesting the capital's roads.

Earlier the highways ministry had announced April 15 as the date for its inauguration. The work of completing certain stretches is still under way.

"We will soon communicate the date of throwing this road open to public by the Prime Minister, which will reduce traffic burden on Delhi's roads. Since this is the first

ever expressway being built by the central government, we have taken maximum steps to make it a model stretch. This will be the standard for our future expressways," road transport minister Nitin Gadkari said.

NHAI may allow toll-free ride for first couple of weeks. The expressway has been designed for 120 kmph speed keeping in mind that the government will revise the maximum speed limit to 120 kmph.

The three-dozen replicas being installed along the expressway are Ashoka lion, Konark temple, Jallianwala Bagh, Gateway of India, Char Minar, Hawa Mahal and Gujarat carvings.