

Delhi's KMP Expressway opens up today



The Kundli-Manesar-Palwal aka KMP Expressway of Delhi is to be inaugurated and the expressway that encircles India's national capital will enable people not wanting to visit Delhi on the route to bypass the Delhi traffic and move ahead with their journey.

The development of the iconic KMP Expressway that encircles Delhi took 15 years to complete and costed a massive 6,400 crores. This project would have been completed by 2009, but the project missed some deadlines due to the land acquisition problems and many other financial factors. A total of 3,846 acres of land was acquired to build the six-lane expressway that connects five districts Sonipat, Jhajjar, Gurugram, Mewat, and Palwal. The original idea for this expressway was to make it a four-lane expressway, but later, Haryana government decided to make it a six-lane expressway keeping the future traffic needs in mind.

The Kundli-Manesar-Palwal Expressway will be inaugurated by PM Modi today, and will be open for people to travel without entering Delhi for their destinations ahead. As many as 50,000 vehicles are expected to be diverted each day, which will not only save time and traffic congestion, but will also cause low pollution in the pollution-ridden national capital. And since it is an expressway, the speed allowed will be 120 kmph for light vehicles like cars and 100 kmph for heavy vehicles like trucks and containers - stacking up with the speed benefits of avoiding Delhi traffic.

The ultra-modern KMP expressway consists of eight small bridges, six large bridge, four railway over-bridges, 34 underpasses, and 64 pedestrian crossings. Besides this, additional amenities like huge parking slots, fuel refilling stations, police stations, a trauma center, refreshment centers, and a helipad are all developed along the expressway. A crane will be also be provided to tow away stranded, accident impacted or breakdown vehicles, and the authority is planning to deploy three ambulances for emergency situations. And, since all good things come at a price, the charges to ride on this expressway is 25% higher than the national highways charges.