

'Ayodhya-Janakpur road to pass through many places in Bihar'

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MOTIHARI: Bihar road construction minister Nand Kishore Yadav on Wednesday said the proposed Ram Janki Marg would pass through many places in Bihar.

Addressing a press conference at Motihari on Wednesday, Yadav said the road, a Union government project, would connect Lord Ram's birthplace at Ayodhya in Uttar Pradesh with Janakpur in Nepal, to which Sita, his wife in the epic Ramayana, belonged. The road would link places, believed to have been visited by Lord Ram on way to Janakpur, the minister said.

In Bihar, the Ram Janki Marg would pass through Siwan, Kesaria, Chakia, Chorma, Sheohar, Madhubani and Sitamarhi, Yadav said.

The detailed project report (DPR) of this highly ambitious project was in the final stage and the tender for it would be floated by June 2018, he added.

Yadav said the condition of the Piprakothi-Raxaul stretch of the



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national highway (NH)-28 had worsened. To expedite its repair, the Centre had decided to remove its present contractor for "unnecessarily delaying" the work on the highway which linked Delhi to Kathmandu, he said.

"The NH-28 would be repaired at an estimated cost of Rs 17 crore and the tender for it will be floated on November 22," Yadav said. He said the DPR was in the final stage and the work on NH-28 repair was likely to begin from March 18.

Tourism minister Pramod Kumar, co-operative minister Rana Randhir Singh, Motihari MP Rama Devi, BJP leader Raza Thakur, legislator Ramachandra Sahani, Sacindra Singh and Lalbabu Gupta were present on the occasion.