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## Jehangir Chowk-Barzalla Expressway Corridor nearing completion

Once completed, the project will play a key role in de-congestion of traffic on one of the major arterial roads of the Srinagar city leading to the South City and the Srinagar International Airport and lessen the travel time by 25-30 minutes on the road stretch.

PRO ERA, said the Expressway
Corridor will have multiple benefits
including savings on fuel, which
has been calculated to be Rs 23.25
crores per annum. The corridor will
eliminate the frequent traffic
congestion by providing a smooth
alternative for flow of traffic thus
also reducing the levels of air
pollution in the area drastically.

The official said that all efforts are being made by J&KERA to commission the project as a whole by the end of 2017 and the work is on schedule.

J&K Economic Reconstruction
Agency (ERA) under JK Urban
Sector Development Investment
Programme funded by Asian
Development Bank (JKUSDIP)," he
said. The 2.5 km long four lane
expressway corridor will greatly
ease the heavy traffic passing
through the Jehangir Chowk–
Barzalla portion of the New Airport
road.

Akhter said work on the project is being undertaken in double shift and as on date 65% progress has been achieved on the project as a whole. "The physical progress achieved under different components of the coveted project include 88% on laying of piles, 80% on laying of pile caps, 70% on laying of pier caps, 65% on casting of girders and 50% on erection of girders," the officials said.

SRINAGAR: Minister for Public Works, Naeem Akhtar today said that 65% of physical work on the prestigious Jehangir Chowk–Barzalla Expressway corridor has been completed, with rest of the project expected to be completed by the end of this year, an official spokesman said.

The Minister said that the work is underway in double shift on the Rs 350 crore project, which is first of its kind in the Kashmir division.