

# BAHADURGARH: INDUSTRY OUTREACH

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## Industrial growth poised to leap forward

Bahadurgarh, one of the upcountry areas, rings bell now. Given easy connectivity from Delhi and cheaper land rates, as low as Rs 10,000-Rs 14,000 per square yard, many industrialists have started their factories in this area. 100 more factories are slated to start their production by next year. Haryana government is showing positive attitude too; looking at the enthusiasm of private players it wants the place to develop fast. Pallavee Dhaundiya Panthry takes a look at the ongoing developments in the area

Bahadurgarh, which may confuse you with some tourist 'garh' or fort, has been much talked about as an upcoming industrial hub, these days. In fact, our last feature on Bahadurgarh did mention the essence of this place as an industrial terrain. The place is very approachable from Delhi, for it is less distant from the Capital and has good road infrastructure now. The Delhi Metro route till Mundka has also benefited many people traveling to Bahadurgarh. Soon, Delhi Metro is slated to extend and pass through the heart of Bahadurgarh, which will change the facet of this place.

### Infrastructure

Earlier, the development of industrial belt or residential zone used to be the driving force behind creating road connectivity. But now, the roads development plans and connectivity is deciding the way future cities are emerging, or are likely to come up. Kundli-Manesar-Palwal expressway, 135km-long, coming up around Delhi, is one of the best examples here, which would prove to be a bonus to Bahadurgarh. KMP Expressway is set to prove the single major catalyst of both residential and commercial development in Haryana. Also known as Western Peripheral Expressway (WPE), it is already under construction and will be completed soon. The corridor will see major industrial and residential development in the next few years. Already, major developers like TDI, Parsvnath, Ansal, Omaxe have started coming up with mega-residential and commercial projects close to the expressway to cater to future needs.

The alignment of the expressway takes off from National Highway-1 near Kundli, crosses NH-10 at West Bahadurgarh, crosses NH-8 near Manesar, and finally joins NH-2 near Palwal. It passes through Gurgaon, Mewat, Rohtak, Jhajjar and Faridabad, which are the fastest growing urban centres in NCR.

To boost industrial development along the corridor, specialised industrial estates have been planned at strategic locations. They include footwear and leather-garments parks at Bahadurgarh, food park at Kundli in Sonapat, gems and jewellery park at Udyog Vihar in Gurgaon, and two apparel parks, one in Gurgaon and another at Barhi in Sonapat. Besides, we will soon see completion of a six lane project on Delhi-Bahadurgarh-Rohtak Road, which will bring major relief to the commuters on this highway.

Industrialists are quite happy with the on going progress in and around Bahadurgarh. Amit Kapur, member, Bahadurgarh Chamber of Commerce and Industries and MD, Everest Blowers, said: "In terms of overall development of Bahadurgarh, it is progressing with good pace now. With progress in terms of Delhi Metro's expansion plans, six lane Delhi-Bahadurgarh-Rohtak highway and KMP expressway, I can easily foresee a new Bahadurgarh in next five years."

Apart from widening the existing national highway, two long bypasses are also in the process of construction at Bahadurgarh and Rohtak. The bypass of Bahadurgarh would be 13 km long and bypass of Rohtak would be of 25 km. "Though these road projects are running behind scheduled time, yet, once they become operational, will prove a boon for Bahadurgarh's and the State's economy", said NL Narang, general secretary, BCCI, and owner, Filcard Industries

### Changing face of Bahadurgarh in next one year

Sector 16 of Bahadurgarh has been developed as a general-purpose industrial area, Sector 17 as a Footwear Park and Sector 4B, which is spread over an area of 189 acres, is the newest expansion area of the estate. Gulshan Kumar, DGM, HSIIDC, Industrial Estate, Bahadurgarh, District Jhajjar, gave a clear idea of current scenario these three sectors. In Sector 17, out of 368, more than 200 plots are under construction and 10 units are carrying out production in full swing. Sector 16 has 241 plots in total, out of which 100 are in the construction mode and five units are in the production phase. Sector 4B, has 46 plots and only two are in the process of construction so far.

According to Kumar, Bahadurgarh will be a different place in just one year from now. He explained, "There are many serious as well as clever players in Bahadurgarh. Serious ones are already in their production phases and some of them are in construction mode, while the clever ones are only



NL Narang, general secretary, Bahadurgarh Chamber of Commerce and Industries



The industrial belt of Bahadurgarh is one of the oldest of all industrial areas in the NCR and up country areas. The industrial zone here is more than 50 years old, and we have been operational here since past 15 years. Talking specifically about Modern Industrial Area (MIE), nothing has been done for the area's progress. The word 'modern' does not gel with MIE at all, given problems like muddy roads and bad sewerage systems. Water and electricity problems also exist but they are manageable somehow. In terms of overall development of Bahadurgarh, it's developing with good pace now. With progress in terms of Delhi Metro's expansion plans, six lane Delhi-Bahadurgarh-Rohtak highway and KMP expressway, I can easily foresee a new Bahadurgarh in next five years.

BCCI's efforts are ongoing to bring in more and more infrastructural changes in Bahadurgarh. Industry people still feel troubled with problems related to drinking, electricity and internal roads/gullies, drains and sewerage systems. Currently, we are collectively pursuing and fighting for the decrease in power rates, which the government has increased from Rs 4.40 per unit to Rs 7 per unit, recently. 70 per cent increase in power rates is very high and unreasonable.

Amit Kapur, member, Bahadurgarh Chamber of Commerce and Industries

sitting on their plots. We have, so far, resumed nine plots as owner of these plots were only awaiting prices of these plots to escalate so that they could have sold them further. Notably re-sale of such plots is completely unauthorised; it is not recognised by the government and has no value.

He further added, "We have given a notice to all to finish their construction work by July 2011. Out of 200 plots, which are under construction, we expect at least 100 to start production by next year. The functioning of 100 factories is assured to bring a good change in this area."

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