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11 contractors hired to speed up Jorhat-Dibrugarh highway project  
 CW Team,  
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Assam Chief Minister Himanta Biswa Sarma stated on Tuesday that Union Road Transport and Highways Minister Nitin Gadkari had informed him about measures being taken to address the slow progress of the Jorhat-Dibrugarh highway project. Following concerns raised by the state government, Gadkari conveyed that 11 contractors had been enlisted to expedite the work.

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In his communication with Sarma, Gadkari mentioned that after receiving a report from his office regarding the restoration and maintenance of the 127-km stretch, the matter was thoroughly reviewed. He explained that delays in the Jorhat-Dibrugarh section were attributed to various factors, including initial setbacks in land acquisition, a significant shortage of essential raw materials like silt and sand, and the underperformance of certain contractors. Gadkari also noted that the stretch from Numaligarh to Jorhat had been completed.

Gadkari further stated in his letter that recent discussions had led to the decision to divide the Jorhat-Dibrugarh section into smaller segments to ensure more efficient execution. Work on these segments was now progressing under the supervision of 11 contractors.

The project includes constructing nine vehicular underpasses, six pedestrian underpasses, and one flyover, requiring considerable amounts of sand, earth, and boulders.

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## Hyderabad Metro Phase-II: Construction Of Rs 24,269 Crore Project To Begin In January 2025

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Hyderabad Airport Metro Limited (HAML), the Telangana government's special purpose vehicle for the Phase-II metro expansion in partnership with the Central government, is set to commence construction on the Old City section of the metro rail from MGBS to Chandrayanagutta in the first week of January 2025.

HAML Managing Director N.V.S. Reddy announced on that property demolitions for the project would begin in the last week of December, with geotechnical studies and road barricading scheduled to start simultaneously.

The ambitious 76.4 km project, comprising five corridors with 54 stations and an estimated cost of Rs 24,269 crore, will require minimal private property acquisition except in the Old City.

Chief Minister A. Revanth Reddy has released funds for the project and is personally overseeing its progress, with a target to complete the works within four years.

"None of the 106 religious and heritage structures in the Old City will be affected, thanks to engineering solutions devised to bypass them," assured Reddy. Property owners in the Old City are being offered compensation of Rs 65,000 per square yard, reports Times Of India.

HAML has invited public suggestions regarding station locations, names, and the number of stations.

Except for a 1.6 km stretch within the Shamshabad International Airport, the entire metro extension will feature elevated viaducts, constructed using advanced technology and double 'U'-shaped girders for faster execution.

The new lines will extend the existing Phase-I network, which includes:

- Red Line (29 km): Miyapur to LB Nagar

- Green Line (11 km): JBS to MGBS
- Blue Line (29 km): Nagole to Raidurg

Once completed, the airport route will be accessible from all three lines. A twin station at Nagole will enable seamless connectivity for Blue Line travelers heading to the airport, while Green Line passengers can join the route at Chandrayanagutta. Red Line users can access the airport line from MGBS or LB Nagar.

In collaboration with the National Highways Authority of India (NHAI), HAML plans to construct a double-decker flyover-cum-metro rail for a 1.6 km stretch between Miyapur and Madinaguda. Elsewhere, the metro alignment will run adjacent to existing or under-construction flyovers.

The metro trains will operate at an average speed of 35 kmph, with higher speeds planned for the airport stretch.

The Phase-II metro expansion aims to transform Hyderabad's urban mobility landscape by integrating state-of-the-art infrastructure with the existing metro network, providing efficient connectivity to the airport, and preserving the city's heritage.

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## Gadkari boosts Jorhat-Dibrugarh highway project in Assam

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Assam Chief Minister Himanta Biswa Sarma announced, November 26, that Union Minister Nitin Gadkari had informed him about the hiring of 11 new contractors to expedite the completion of the Jorhat-Dibrugarh highway project. This decision was made in response to concerns raised by the state government regarding the slow pace of the work.

In a letter to Sarma, Gadkari stated that his office had reviewed a report concerning the restoration and maintenance of the 127-kilometre stretch. Following this review, measures were taken to address the delays.

Gadkari explained that progress on the Jorhat-Dibrugarh section had been hindered by several challenges, including issues with land acquisition, shortages of raw materials such as silt and sand, and the underperformance of certain contractors. He also noted that the section from Numaligarh to Jorhat had already been completed. In a recent meeting, it was decided that to ensure efficient execution, the remaining section from Jorhat to Dibrugarh would be divided into smaller segments, with work being carried out by the newly onboarded contractors.

The project includes the construction of nine vehicular underpasses, six pedestrian underpasses, and one flyover, all of which require significant quantities of materials such as sand, earth, and boulders.

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## Urgent Road Connectivity Approval for Vizhinjam International Seaport

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With the Vizhinjam International Seaport (VISL) set to be commissioned next month, Kerala's Chief Secretary, Sarada Muraleedharan, has requested the National Highways Authority of India (NHAI) for immediate approval of interim and permanent road connectivity to the port. This request is crucial as container traffic is expected to begin soon after the port's commissioning.

The state government has proposed a temporary solution involving cutting the median of National Highway-66 (NH-66) and installing necessary signboards to facilitate container movement. However, the permanent solution, which includes the construction of a cloverleaf intersection linking the port to NH-66 and the outer ring road, is expected to take up to three years to complete.

The Adani Group, which operates the port, has expedited the construction of the approach road, and significant progress has been made in land acquisition for the project. Of the 42 cents required, 35.81 cents have already been acquired, and Rs 11 crore in compensation has been disbursed. The project is a significant step toward enhancing the port's operational efficiency and facilitating smoother transport of goods.

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## West Bengal restores 3,611 km of roads at a cost of Rs 39.67 billion

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Between April 2023 and June 2024, a total of 3,611 km of roads in West Bengal were fully repaired, widened, and reinforced at a cost of Rs 39.67 billion, Public Works Department (PWD) Minister Pulak Roy informed the assembly on Wednesday. Responding to a member's question, he added that damaged sections of 7,765 km of roads were repaired at an expenditure of Rs 2.07 billion.

The minister further stated that the West Bengal Highway Development Corporation is actively working on improving connectivity between cities and remote areas of the state.

He mentioned that the four-laning of the Kalyani Expressway is nearing completion and is expected to be fully operational soon.

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## Panvel-Karjat Suburban Railway Corridor Project picks up pace

The Hindu,  
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The Panvel-Karjat Suburban Railway Corridor, a significant project under the Mumbai Urban Transport Project (MUTP-III), is nearing its completion.

The project, which is being executed by the Mumbai Railway Vikas Corporation (MRVC), is expected to greatly improve connectivity between Panvel and Karjat, becoming a vital component of the expanding suburban railway network in the Mumbai Metropolitan Region (MMR).

As of October, 67% of the project, with a budget of Rs 27.82 billion, has been completed.

The necessary 56.82 hectare of private land and 4.4 hectare of government land required for the corridor have been successfully acquired.

Permits for Stage-I forest clearance have been secured, and work is already progressing in forested areas. The Stage-II clearance is also advancing, with approvals nearing completion.

Earthworks for the project are in progress, with 2 million cubic metres of filling already completed.

The project has also achieved breakthroughs for all three tunnels, with over 3,100 metres of underground excavation completed. Lining work is simultaneously on-going.

Of the 47 bridges planned, 29 minor and six major bridges have been completed.

Additionally, four road overbridges (ROBs) are ready, and there has been significant progress on key structures at Mohape and Kirawali.

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## AVP Infracon Gets Rs 33-Cr Road Project in Tamil Nadu

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AVP Infracon, an infrastructure company, has secured a road project worth Rs 33.19 crore in Tamil Nadu. The company announced the award of the contract from CDR and Co Constructions, as disclosed in an exchange filing.

The project involves the periodic renewal and strengthening of the Thanjavur to Trichy section on NH-67 (New NH-83) in Tamil Nadu. The work is expected to be completed within one year, marking a significant contribution to the region's road infrastructure.

Prasanna Dhandayuthapani, Managing Director of AVP Infracon Ltd, expressed pride in the company's role in enhancing India's road infrastructure, particularly in the key industrial corridor of Tamil Nadu.

AVP Infracon is involved in constructing various infrastructure projects such as roads, bridges, irrigation and canal systems, flyovers, and industrial infrastructures.

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