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India Strengthens Border Infra: 75 Projects Worth 2,236 Crore Launched Across 11 States
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In a significant boost to India's border infrastructure, Defence Minister Rajnath Singh virtually inaugurated 75 transformative projects developed by the Border Roads Organisation (BRO) on Monday.

Valued at Rs 2,236 crore, these projects span 11 states and union territories, underscoring the government's commitment to enhancing connectivity and security in strategically important regions.

Among the inaugurated projects are 22 roads and 51 bridges, which are critical for both military and civilian purposes. Notably, 19 projects are located in Jammu & Kashmir, 18 in Arunachal Pradesh, 11 in Ladakh, and nine in Uttarakhand.

The infrastructure expansion also includes six projects in Sikkim, five in Himachal Pradesh, and two each in West Bengal and Rajasthan. Further extending the strategic reach, one project each is situated in Nagaland, Mizoram, and the Andaman & Nicobar Islands.

A key highlight of the inauguration was the Kupup-Sherathang Road in Sikkim, which now serves as a vital link between Jawahar Lal Nehru Marg and the Zuluk axis, improving connectivity in an area of great strategic importance. This road will facilitate smoother movement for military personnel and equipment along the border and provide critical support for tourism and local economic activities.

The inauguration of these 75 projects comes as part of a broader push by the BRO to strengthen infrastructure in remote and border areas. In 2024 alone, BRO has completed 111 infrastructure projects worth Rs 3,751 crore, including the prestigious Sela Tunnel in Arunachal Pradesh, which was inaugurated by Prime Minister Narendra Modi earlier this year. In comparison, 125 infrastructure projects worth Rs 3,611 crore were completed by the BRO in 2023.

The significance of these projects extends beyond their immediate logistical benefits. For regions like Arunachal Pradesh, which saw the completion of three major roads, 14 bridges, and a helipad under the BRO's Project Brahman, the development is expected to enhance national security, boost surface and air connectivity, and promote tourism.



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Arunachal Pradesh Governor, Lt Gen (Retd) KT Parnaik, emphasised the strategic importance of these initiatives, noting that they not only bolster national defense but also support socio-economic growth in the region, reports The Hindu.

Governor Parnaik highlighted how these projects would align with both the Vibrant Border Village programme and Arunachal Pradesh's 'Seva Aapke Dwar' initiative, bringing governance directly to border communities. With improved connectivity, these border areas are likely to see greater development opportunities, enhancing the quality of life for local residents while reinforcing India's presence in these strategically vital locations.

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Maharashtra Cabinet Clears 32 Km Pune Metro Expansion: Rs 10,000 Crore Project With Two New Lines

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Currently, Pune Metro serves approximately 90,000 passengers daily across Lines 1 and 2.

In a major boost to Pune's urban transport, the Maharashtra government on Monday (14 October) approved the construction of two new metro rail routes in the city.

The decision was made during a cabinet meeting and will see the development of the Khadakwasla-Swargate-Hadapsar-Kharadi and Nalstop-Dahanukar Colony-Warje-Manikbaug metro lines, according to an official announcement.

The combined length of the two routes will span 31.63 kilometers and include 28 stations. The project will be executed by Maha Metro at an estimated cost of Rs 9,897 crore.

Union Minister and Pune Lok Sabha MP Murlidhar Mohol expressed optimism about the impact of the new metro lines on the city's transport infrastructure. "The new lines are crucial for the overall development of Pune. With the state government's approval, I will now pursue necessary clearances from the Centre," he said, reports Economic Times.

These additions are expected to significantly enhance public transportation options in Pune, the second-largest city in Maharashtra, and address the growing commuter needs in the expanding metropolitan area.

Presently, the Pune Metro covers a total length of 43 kilometers across various corridors and extensions. Line 1, from PCMC to Swargate, spans 17.4 km with 14 stations, including 5 underground and 9 elevated.

Line 2, from Vanaz to Ramwadi, extends 15.7 km with 16 elevated stations. The Line 1A extension, from PCMC to Nigdi, adds 4.413 km with 4 elevated stations, while the Line 1B extension, from Swargate to Katraj, covers 5.46 km and includes 3 underground stations.

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Ahead of the Maharashtra Assembly election to be held later this year, the Chief Minister Eknath Shinde-led Mahayuti government has approved two new metro rail routes in Pune, aimed at improving the city's transport infrastructure. The decision to construct the Khadakwasla-Swargate-Hadapsar-Kharadi and Nalstop-Dahanukar Colony-Warje-Manikbaug metro lines was taken during a cabinet meeting on Monday. Together, the new routes will cover 31.63 kilometres and will be built by Maha Metro at a cost of Rs 9,897 crore, featuring 28 stations along the way.

Union Minister and Pune MP Murlidhar Mohol emphasised the significance of these new lines for Pune's overall development and pledged to seek final permissions from the central government. Baramati NCP MP Supriya Sule also expressed gratitude, noting that she had requested the Khadakwasla-Swargate metro line in 2018.

The announcement follows Prime Minister Narendra Modi's virtual inauguration of the Pune metro line connecting Shivajinagar District Court and Swargate on September 29. The Prime Minister also laid the foundation for the Swargate-Katraj Metro extension. This new stretch is expected to ease commuting challenges for residents of Pimpri-Chinchwad and nearby areas.

While the metro expansion is welcomed by many, some have raised concerns about the multiple inaugurations of the same project. This marks the sixth time segments of Pune's metro have been launched, leading to questions about the rationale behind such repeated ceremonies.

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Subway Work Starts on Chennai-Bengaluru Highway

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Construction has commenced on a vehicular subway along the Chennai-Bengaluru highway in Ranipet, a move expected to ease traffic congestion and improve safety for commuters. The subway is being built as part of the National Highways Authority of India's (NHAI) larger initiative to enhance infrastructure along one of the busiest national highways in Tamil Nadu. The project aims to provide a smoother, more efficient route for vehicles, particularly in areas where traffic bottlenecks and pedestrian movement often lead to delays and safety concerns.

The subway will allow uninterrupted vehicular movement, improving the overall flow of traffic on the Chennai-Bengaluru highway, which serves as a critical corridor for both commercial and passenger



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traffic between Tamil Nadu and Karnataka. This development is expected to alleviate long-standing traffic jams in the Ranipet region, providing significant relief to commuters and reducing the risk of accidents at key intersections.

Once completed, the subway will not only enhance travel convenience but also contribute to the long-term improvement of the highway's infrastructure. In addition to easing congestion, the project will provide a safer route for local traffic, pedestrians, and cyclists by separating different traffic streams. The NHAI is working closely with local authorities to ensure timely completion of the project, with efforts focused on minimizing disruption to existing traffic flow during the construction phase.

This infrastructure upgrade is part of broader efforts to modernize highways across Tamil Nadu, ensuring that key routes like the Chennai-Bengaluru highway are equipped to handle increasing traffic volumes. It will play a vital role in supporting regional economic activity by improving the efficiency of transportation and reducing travel time between two major cities.

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