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Rs 1,878 Crore Six-Lane Zirakpur Bypass Gets Cabinet Nod, To Decongest Chandigarh-Panchkula-Mohali Urban Belt And Improve Himachal Access

Swarajya,
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A-B	6 lane Zirakpur bypass (Instant proposal) (Length 19.200Km)	E-F	4 lane existing State Govt toll road (Length 9.40 Km)
B-C	Existing 4 Lane section of NH-5 (Length 7.33 Km)	F-G	6 lane under-construction Ambala Chandigarh Pkg 2 (Length 31.230 Km) Under Implementation
C-D	Part of 4 Lane Pivore Bypass (Under construction with MoRT&H) and 4 laning of Pivore-Baddi-Nalagarh road section (NH105) (Under construction with NHAI) (total length 20.3 Km)	G-H	Part of 6 lane under-construction Ambala Chandigarh Pkg 1 (Length 9.600 Km) Under Implementation
D-E	2 Lane Existing Road with state govt (Length 12 Km) (4 Lane Under DPR)	H-I	6 Lane spur to Zirakpur Bypass (Under DPR) Length 10.300 Km

Proposed Zirakpur bypass map

The Cabinet Committee on Economic Affairs, chaired by Prime Minister Narendra Modi, has approved the construction of a six-lane Zirakpur Bypass spanning 19.2 km across Punjab and Haryana under the Hybrid Annuity Mode.

The bypass will begin at the junction with NH-7 (Zirakpur–Patiala/Chandigarh–Bathinda) and terminate at the junction with NH-5 (Zirakpur–Parwanoo) in Haryana's Panchkula.

The alignment follows the Punjab Government's Master Plan in Punjab and is part of the Union Government's broader effort to develop integrated transport infrastructure under the PM Gati Shakti National Master Plan.

"The Zirakpur Bypass starts from the junction with NH-7 (Chandigarh–Bathinda) in Zirakpur and follows the Punjab Government Master Plan in Punjab and terminates at the junction with NH-5 (Zirakpur–Parwanoo) in Panchkula of Haryana, thus avoiding the highly urbanized and congested stretch of Zirakpur in Punjab and Panchkula in Haryana," the Ministry of Road Transport and Highways said in a statement.

The total capital cost of the project is estimated at Rs 1,878.31 crore.

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"The primary purpose of the project is to ease up congestion in Zirakpur, Panchkula and surrounding areas by diverting traffic from Patiala, Delhi, Mohali Aerocity and providing direct connectivity to Himachal Pradesh," the Ministry of Road Transport and Highways said.

The current proposal aims at reducing the travel time and ensuring hassle-free traffic movement in the congested urban section of NH-7, NH-5 and NH-152.

The Zirakpur Bypass also forms a critical component of the proposed ring road project to decongest the Chandigarh, Panchkula, and Mohali urban agglomeration.

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Rs 16.45 billion Plan for Expressway Link

The Hindu,
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The Indian government has approved a Rs 16.45 bn project to enhance connectivity between the Yamuna Expressway and the Delhi-Agra Highway, ensuring faster and smoother travel between the two major routes. The National Highways Authority of India (NHAI) will oversee the project, aimed at reducing congestion and improving traffic flow.

This initiative involves new road linkages, widening of existing stretches, and construction of flyovers and underpasses to facilitate seamless movement of vehicles. The project is expected to boost trade, tourism, and regional development, benefiting thousands of daily commuters and freight transporters.

Improved connectivity will also support the upcoming infrastructure projects along the Yamuna Expressway, including logistics hubs, smart cities, and industrial corridors. The development aligns with the government's vision for enhanced highway networks, promoting economic growth and ease of travel.

Once completed, the project will significantly cut travel time, enhance road safety, and strengthen Delhi-NCR's transport infrastructure, making road travel between Delhi and Agra faster and more efficient.

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Centre Clears Rs 1,012 Crore Highway Upgrades In Madhya Pradesh And Haryana To Enhance Connectivity

PTI,
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The Central government has approved two major highway infrastructure projects worth over Rs 1,012 crore in Madhya Pradesh and Haryana, Union Minister Nitin Gadkari announced on Tuesday (8 April).

In Madhya Pradesh, Rs 531.84 crore has been sanctioned to upgrade a 63.50 km stretch of National Highway-34 from Shahgarh to Damoh via Buxwaha and Narsingharh.

The project involves converting the road into a two-lane route with paved shoulders, constructing five major bridges, and developing four bypasses at Buxwaha, Bhetera, Narsingharh, and Pipariya Champat.

Additionally, 1.3 km of service roads will be built on both sides in the urban areas of Damoh.

National Highway-34 serves as a key corridor connecting Gangotri Dham in Uttarakhand to NH-44 (North-South Corridor) at Lakhnadon in Madhya Pradesh.

The upgradation is aimed at improving regional connectivity and facilitating smoother transport movement.

In Haryana, Rs 480.44 crore has been approved for the development of a 49.02 km four-lane section of NH-248A from Nuh to the Rajasthan border via Ferozpur Jhirka.

The plan also includes strengthening 6.84 km of existing roads in Malab and Bhadas villages of Nuh district.

NH-248A connects Gurugram, Sohna, and the industrial zones of Nuh.

The highway experiences high volumes of commercial traffic traveling from Rajasthan towards northern states.

The expansion is expected to ease congestion and improve freight movement in the region.

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No Impact on Delhi-Dehradun Expressway from Mandola Land Dispute

PTI,

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The Delhi-Dehradun Expressway, a key infrastructure project worth over Rs 83 billion, remains unaffected by a recent land dispute near Mandola in Uttar Pradesh's Baghpat district, officials have clarified.

Contrary to media reports suggesting that private land or a structure is hindering construction, the main expressway is fully functional. According to project authorities, the issue is restricted to a 90-meter stretch of a service road adjacent to Ramp-5.

Out of the four ramps provided for traffic entry and exit in the area, three (Ramp-2, Ramp-3, and Ramp-4) have already been completed along with the accompanying service roads. The disputed segment lies only beside Ramp-5, where the landowner has filed a writ petition in the Hon'ble High Court of Allahabad (Lucknow Bench). The matter is currently sub judice.

Authorities have assured that the dispute will not affect the movement of vehicles on the expressway. To ensure smooth traffic, a temporary bypass has been arranged through the internal roads of the Mandola Vihar Yojna, allowing vehicles to reroute safely while exiting Ramp-5.

This expressway is a major component of India's Bharatmala project and is expected to significantly reduce travel time between the national capital and Uttarakhand.

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Kishan Reddy Urges CM to Expedite Land for NH projects (646 ha)

The Hindu,
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Union Minister of Coal and Mines, G Kishan Reddy, has written to Telangana Chief Minister A Revanth Reddy seeking expedited land acquisition to facilitate the completion of pending national highway (NH) projects across the state.

In an official communication, the Union Minister highlighted that Telangana had approximately 2,500 km of national highways built from 1948 to 2014. Since 2014, under the NDA government, an additional 2,500 km has been developed, bringing significant improvements to the state's road infrastructure. Another 2,500 km of highway projects are currently under various stages of development.

The projects in the pipeline include 16 works covering a total length of 691.52 km, with an estimated cost of Rs 126.19 billion. These projects, including the proposed Regional Ring Road (RRR), are in either bidding stages or have already been assigned for execution.

For the completion of these works, a total of 1,550.529 hectares of land is required. However, only 904.097 hectares have so far been handed over to the National Highway Authority of India (NHAI). The remaining 646.432 hectares are yet to be transferred, delaying the commencement of several projects.

The central government has sent multiple communications through the NHAI and the concerned Ministry, requesting the state government to expedite the land acquisition process. Timely acquisition is seen as critical to ensuring that the projects are grounded and completed as per schedule.

The Union Minister, who is also the State BJP president and Secunderabad MP, has called for the personal intervention of the Chief Minister to speed up the process. The development of national highways is considered vital not only for improving connectivity but also for enhancing road safety and fostering socio-economic growth in the region.

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PM Launches Projects In Assam

CW Team,
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Prime Minister Narendra Modi inaugurated and laid the foundation stones for several vital development projects in Assam, marking a major push for infrastructure, health, and connectivity in North East India.

A key highlight was the inauguration of AIIMS Guwahati, a state-of-the-art healthcare institution under the Pradhan Mantri Swasthya Suraksha Yojana, aimed at boosting tertiary healthcare access in the region. He also inaugurated a 545 km natural gas pipeline from Barauni to Guwahati, part of the North East Gas Grid, ensuring sustainable energy delivery.

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Railway projects worth Rs 150 billion were unveiled, improving regional connectivity and boosting economic activity. PM Modi also launched road projects under the Bharatmala and Special Accelerated Road Development Programme, enhancing inter- state road networks.

Under the Jal Jeevan Mission, new schemes were introduced to ensure clean drinking water supply, and housing units were distributed under the Pradhan Mantri Awas Yojana.

The Prime Minister emphasised the Centre's focus on holistic development of the North East, with better road, rail, health, and utilities driving inclusive growth and national integration.

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PM Inaugurates Key Projects in Odisha and Telengana

CW Team,

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Prime Minister Narendra Modi virtually inaugurated and laid the foundation stones for several major development projects across Odisha and Telangana, with a focus on power generation, infrastructure, and agriculture.

In Odisha, he dedicated the NTPC Darlipali Super Thermal Power Station Stage-I (2x800 MW) and the NTPC Talcher Thermal Power Project Stage-III (2x660 MW). These projects will significantly boost power availability and support India's energy security goals.

PM Modi also inaugurated railway projects worth over Rs 21.45 billion in Odisha, aimed at enhancing connectivity and easing logistics, including the doubling of key rail lines.

In Telangana, he launched major irrigation initiatives under the Pradhan Mantri Krishi Sinchayee Yojana, designed to increase cultivable land and ensure water accessibility for farmers. He reiterated the government's vision of inclusive development under the mantra Sabka Saath, Sabka Vikas.

These projects reflect the Centre's commitment to equitable regional development, particularly in Eastern and Southern India, by modernising infrastructure and empowering the agriculture and energy sectors.

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PM Launches Kochi Water Metro

CW Team,

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Prime Minister Narendra Modi inaugurated the Kochi Water Metro, India's first-of-its-kind water-based public transport system, aimed at transforming urban mobility in Kerala. The project is designed to provide eco-friendly and efficient transport across the backwaters, especially benefiting island communities near Kochi.

The Water Metro network will connect 10 islands with the mainland through 78 battery-operated electric boats and 38 modern terminals. It is expected to serve over 1 lakh residents, offering faster,

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greener, and more reliable daily commutes. By integrating with existing metro rail and road systems, the initiative supports a multimodal transport ecosystem.

This development is part of the broader PM Gati Shakti master plan and aligns with the Centre's vision of sustainable infrastructure and inclusive development. The Kochi Water Metro is set to reduce congestion, cut emissions, and promote tourism, while enhancing connectivity for remote island populations.

The launch reinforces India's commitment to innovative, green urban solutions and sets a model for future water-based transit systems across the country.

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New Three-Lane ROB to Be Built on MR-12 Road in Indore Projects Today, April 09, 2025

The Public Works Department (PWD) is set to construct an additional three-lane railway overbridge (ROB) on MR-12 Road under the Indore Development Authority's (IDA) Town Planning Scheme-8 (TPS-8). This development follows a meeting chaired by the Indore Divisional Commissioner Deepak Singh, which was attended by officials from the IDA, PWD, and other government bodies.

The construction of the ROB is planned based on the modified alignment of MR-12 Road. The IDA has already passed a Board resolution and submitted the proposal to the state government for necessary approvals. Currently, the PWD Bridge Division is engaged in constructing a three-lane ROB on the same route. With the revised plan, the department will now approach the Railways to obtain approval for an additional three lanes under the General Arrangement Drawing (GAD).

Once completed, the overbridge will offer a total of six lanes, aimed at addressing the region's growing traffic volume and ensuring smoother vehicular movement. The expanded infrastructure is expected to play a crucial role in easing congestion, particularly during peak hours.

Construction of the additional lanes will begin after receiving clearance from the Town and Country Planning (TNCP) department, which is reviewing the revised alignment plan. The six-lane ROB is part of a broader strategy to enhance connectivity and infrastructure within the TPS-8 area, aligning with urban development goals set by the IDA and other planning authorities.

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Govt Clears Four Railway Projects Worth Rs 186.58 Bn Business Standard, April 09, 2025

The Cabinet Committee on Economic Affairs has approved four major railway infrastructure projects proposed by the Ministry of Railways, involving a total investment of Rs 186.58 billion. These projects aim to expand the Indian Railways network by approximately 1,247 km across 15 districts in Maharashtra, Odisha, and Chhattisgarh.

The approved projects include the construction of the 3rd and 4th railway lines between Sambalpur and Jarapda, and between Jharsuguda and Sason, the 5th and 6th lines on the Kharsia–Naya Raipur–Parmalkasa section, and the doubling of the Gondia–Balharshah route. These initiatives are aligned with the PM Gati Shakti National Master Plan, which emphasizes integrated and multi-modal connectivity.

The developments will enhance freight and passenger movement by improving capacity and operational efficiency along key rail corridors. They will also support the creation of 19 new railway stations and strengthen connectivity in two Aspirational Districts—Gadchiroli and Rajnandgaon. Improved access is expected to benefit approximately 3,350 villages and nearly 4.72 million people.

The Kharsia–Naya Raipur–Parmalkasa route is expected to offer direct connectivity to new regions such as Baloda Bazar, which could encourage the growth of industrial clusters, including cement manufacturing units.

These projects are crucial for the transportation of essential commodities such as agricultural produce, fertilizers, coal, iron ore, steel, cement, and limestone. They are projected to handle an additional 88.77 million tonnes per annum (MTPA) of freight traffic.

In addition to boosting economic activity, the projects are expected to contribute to India’s environmental goals by reducing logistics costs, decreasing oil imports by 950 million litres, and cutting carbon dioxide emissions by 4.77 billion kilograms—equivalent to planting 190 million trees.

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