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PM Modi set to launch key development projects in Delhi today – Know cost, amenities and more

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The PM will also lay the foundation stones for three new projects in Delhi University worth over Rs 600 crore.

The Prime Minister will also inaugurate two major urban redevelopment projects. (Image: Reuters) Prime Minister Narendra Modi will be in the National Capital today to launch multiple infrastructure projects, including in the housing and education sector. PM Modi will visit the newly

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constructed flats at Swabhiman Apartments, Ashok Vihar, Delhi, on Friday at around 12:00 PM. These flats are part of the In-Situ Slum Rehabilitation Project, aimed at improving the living conditions of residents in Jhuggi Jhopri clusters. The project, led by the Delhi Development Authority (DDA), has delivered 1,675 modern flats, which will be handed over to eligible beneficiaries during the event.

Beneficiaries contribute a nominal amount of Rs 1.42 lakh, with an additional Rs 30,000 for five years of maintenance, while the government bears the majority of the cost—approximately Rs 25 lakh per flat. This marks the successful completion of DDA's second in-situ rehabilitation project, promoting a better living environment equipped with essential amenities.

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Nitin Gadkari's plan: Rs 1 lakh crore infrastructure boost to rebuild, revamp, and clean Delhi

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- In an interview with ANI, Gadkari emphasized that these efforts would significantly change the face of the capital city, with a focus on improving infrastructure and reducing pollution.

The Union government is set to execute major infrastructure projects worth Rs 1 lakh crore in the next two years to transform Delhi's urban landscape, Union Minister for Road Transport and Highways, Nitin Gadkari, revealed on Thursday. In an interview with ANI, Gadkari emphasized that these efforts would significantly change the face of the capital city, with a focus on improving infrastructure and reducing pollution.

Gadkari further mentioned that the government, under the Namami Gange scheme, is working on projects to clean the Yamuna River, preventing sewage water from contaminating it. However, he pointed out that delays in the execution of some of these projects are due to the Delhi government's failure to contribute its share of the funding.

Out of the total planned investment, the Ministry of Road and Transport has already completed works worth Rs 33,000 crore of a Rs 65,000 crore project, with the remaining Rs 32,000 crore projects slated for completion in the coming years.

Addressing the persistent issues of air pollution and traffic congestion in Delhi, Gadkari explained that the government, under Prime Minister Narendra Modi's leadership, has launched numerous initiatives to address these challenges. The efforts include the introduction of electric buses, cars, and scooters, as well as the promotion of CNG vehicles, with the goal of eliminating 40 percent of Delhi's pollution caused by fossil fuel emissions. The Minister pledged to make significant progress in eliminating pollution in the city within the next five years.

In addition, Gadkari highlighted that the government's focus on reducing stubble burning has yielded positive results, with a 20 percent decline in stubble burning in states like Punjab and Haryana. He stated that CNG is now being produced from the stubble, with 60 out of 400 plants already operational. These plants are part of an ambitious effort to convert waste into valuable resources, ensuring that trucks and buses can run on CNG, further reducing pollution levels.

One of the key projects discussed by Gadkari includes a new initiative in Panipat. This project aims to produce 1 lakh liters of ethanol, 150 tonnes of bio-vitamin, and 78,000 tonnes of aviation fuel from stubble, which will help reduce pollution in Delhi and cut down on imports. In addition to the environmental benefits, this project is expected to create new jobs and improve the welfare of farmers.

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Coimbatore Corporation Updates Road Ledger with 118.61 km of New Roads

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Coimbatore Corporation has recorded 118.61 km of new roads in its road ledger, expanding the city's road infrastructure to a total of 782 roads across five zones. These newly included roads consist of 344 earthen roads, spanning 51.33 km, and 438 tar roads, covering 67.28 km.

This data has been incorporated into the road ledger using the UTIS Dashboard, where each road has been assigned a unique Unicode number. The earthen roads are distributed as follows: North Zone – 4.13 km, East Zone – 11.27 km, West Zone – 5.61 km, South Zone – 27.66 km, and Central Zone – 2.66 km. The tar roads are recorded as: North Zone – 9.30 km, East Zone – 21.25 km, West Zone – 7.55 km, South Zone – 18.63 km, and Central Zone – 10.54 km.

Classifying roads digitally via the UITS Dashboard ensures better infrastructure management, facilitating improved planning, maintenance, and resource allocation.

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ITD Cementation bags Rs 1,648 cr contract for construction at Vadhvan Port

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Renew Exim DMCC, Adani Group's Dubai-based entity in October had entered into an agreement to acquire a 46.64 per cent stake in ITD Cementation in October 2024

ITD Cementation India Ltd has won an engineering, procurement, and construction (EPC) contract worth Rs 1,648 crore for construction at the Vadhvan Port in Maharashtra.

The company will be building near-shore reclamation and shore protection for the port.

ITD Cementation emerged the lowest bidder and bagged the contract at its quoted price.

The contract was awarded at the above-mentioned price which is 6.9 per cent below the estimated cost of Rs 1,770 crore, excluding goods and services tax (GST).

The contract was approved by the Vadhvan Port Project Limited (VPPL) board at its eighth meeting on Tuesday. The approved bid was deemed both reasonable and workable, according to a statement by VPPL.

The contract involves the development of about 200 hectares of land in the near-shore area, which is a vital component for initiating other key packages of the project. These include loading points and essential infrastructure.

In the race to secure the contract, ITD Cementation beat the other two bidders – Man Infra Construction Ltd, in a joint venture with TIPL, and Navayuga Engineering Company Ltd.

All three firms met the qualification criteria, said VPPL.

Unmesh Wagh, chairman, Jawaharlal Nehru Port Authority (JNPA) and chief managing director at VPPL, said, “This contract represents an important step towards establishing the core infrastructure for Vadhvan Port. The near-shore reclamation will lay the groundwork for subsequent phases of the project. It will ensure we move forward with a strong and sustainable base. As we step into 2025, we look forward to accelerating the work and making steady progress towards our goal.”

In October 2024, ITD Cementation’s promoter entity, Italian-Thai Development Public Company Limited, entered into a share purchase agreement with Renew Exim DMCC, a Dubai-based entity of the Adani Group. It was to sell 46.64 per cent of the total paid-up equity share capital of ITD.

The largest port project in India, the Vadhvan Port project, is worth Rs 76,220 crore and is being executed by VPPL, a special-purpose vehicle (SPV).

JNPA holds 74 per cent in the project, while the rest is held by the Maharashtra Maritime Board (MMB).

Once complete, the port will become India’s 13th major and largest container port. The first phase of the project is estimated to be completed by 2029.

Moreover, the port will possess a cargo-handling capacity of 298 million metric tonnes (MMT) per annum, including around 23.2 million twenty-foot equivalent units (TEUs).

The all-weather greenfield deep draft port is situated in Palghar district of Maharashtra, and is being developed under a landlord model with terminals built through public-private partnerships (PPP). The project is likely to create 1.2 million job opportunities.

Recently, the project secured an investment of Rs 20,000 crore from Switzerland-based Terminal Investment Limited Sarl (TIL). Active across 31 countries, TIL invests in, develops and manages container terminals across the globe.

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Railways to Adopt PPP Model for New Infrastructure Projects

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The Indian Railways is looking to implement the public-private partnership (PPP) model for developing new projects, including new commercial lines such as mineral corridors.

This shift in strategy follows an infrastructure review meeting attended by several ministries, where it was highlighted that the Railways needs to consider PPP for infrastructure creation instead of solely relying on the engineering, procurement, and construction (EPC) model. Despite the proposed shift towards the PPP model, Indian Railways is expected to receive a significant boost in capital expenditure in the FY26 budget, surpassing the Rs 2.62 trillion (tn) allocated for this fiscal year.

After limited progress in developing projects via the PPP model, Indian Railways continues to exclusively fund its infrastructure development, run freight trains, and recover investments through levies on freight movement. A senior official confirmed that while the government is advocating for PPP models for commercial lines, decisions regarding fares and passenger movement will remain under the Railway Board's control.

The three major economic corridor programmes, focusing on energy (mainly coal), minerals, and cement transportation, are estimated to cost over Rs 5.25 tn by 2031. Additionally, the government is advancing port-rail connectivity under the Sagarmala programme, with several projects currently under development.

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