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Haryana Minister Unveils Rs 800 Crore Infrastructure Plan For Gurugram

Swarajya,

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Haryana minister Rao Narbir Singh has announced that the foundation for Gurugram's prosperous future will be established over the next five years through enhanced connectivity and a robust road network.

Speaking during a visit to Vatika City in Sector 49 on Sunday (5 January), the Badshahpur MLA, who also serves as the minister for industries, commerce, environment, forests, and wildlife, outlined key infrastructure projects planned for the district.

As part of these efforts, an elevated road will be constructed from the Gurugram-Jaipur National Highway to Vatika Chowk, along with four flyovers from Vatika Chowk to Ghata. The estimated cost of the project is Rs 800 crore.

According to an official statement, a detailed project report (DPR) is being prepared by the Gurugram Metropolitan Development Authority (GMDA), and work is expected to begin soon.

"It is our collective responsibility to turn Gurugram into a beautiful and clean city. Over the next five years, the opinions of common people will be prioritised in all development projects in the district. The present government does not only make promises in the 'Sankalp Patra', but ensures their fulfilment," Singh said.

During the event, the minister also addressed public concerns and directed officials to ensure effective implementation of government schemes so that citizens receive their full benefits. He emphasised the importance of meeting all necessary criteria when planning and executing development projects.

Responding to a demand for a community centre at Close South in Sector 50, Singh assured that work on the project would commence within the next two months.

On complaints of encroachment on the green belt along the 12-km stretch from Vatika Chowk to Ghata, Singh said district town planner RS Bhath has been appointed as the nodal officer to address the issue.

A deadline of 31 January has been set to make the stretch encroachment-free.

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Telangana CM Revanth Reddy orders release of Rs 1,000 crore for rural road construction

The Economic Times,

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Synopsis

Telangana Chief Minister Revanth Reddy instructed the State Finance department officials to release Rs 1,000 crore for the construction of rural roads. Emphasizing broader and better roads to accommodate increased traffic, CM Reddy mandated uniform quality standards for Panchayat Raj and R&B roads and immediate repairs for potholed roads.

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Telangana Chief Minister Revanth Reddy on Friday instructed the State Finance department officials to release Rs 1,000 crore for the construction of the rural roads. Rs 150 crore are to be released every month until June end of this year, said a press release issued by the Chief Minister's office.

The Chief Minister held a review of the R&B and Panchayati Raj departments at the Secretariat on Friday evening. CM Revanth Reddy made several key comments regarding rural roads. The width of single-lane and double-lane roads has been decided in accordance with the movement of bullock carts, bicycles and motorcycles in the past.

Now, cars, tractors and other four-wheeled vehicles are moving on the roads even in remote villages. Hence, the dimensions of the roads should be redefined to facilitate the increasing vehicular movement in the villages, the Chief Minister said in the meeting.

The Chief Minister emphasized that the roads should be constructed in a way that the vehicles can move freely without any hurdles. Even though Tandas and Gudems have been upgraded as Panchayats, the construction of roads and panchayat school buildings are neglected. CM Revanth Reddy ordered that every panchayat in the state should have a BT road and there should be no panchayat without a BT road.

The Chief Minister also ordered the officials to develop a single road network between the villages and mandals and double roads from the mandals to the district headquarters. Repairs should also be started immediately on potholed roads in rural areas, the CM said, pointing out that different methods were adopted in the construction standards of Panchayat Raj and R&B roads.

Roads under the two departments should be built with the same quality standards, the CM said that the Motorists did not differentiate whether they are travelling on Panchayat Raj roads or R&B roads and the only thing is how they travel on the road. The CM also suggested that a road network should be developed even for the villages in the forest areas.

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Shiv Murti-Nelson Mandela Tunnel Faces Environmental Concerns

CW Team,

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Residents of South Delhi have raised concerns over the proposed tunnel between Shiv Murti interchange on NH-48 and Nelson Mandela Marg in Vasant Kunj, fearing it could harm the local forest, environment, and potentially damage houses in the area.

The Delhi Pollution Control Committee (DPCC) presented these concerns in a report to the Union Environment Ministry, following public hearings conducted in September. The ministry will decide whether to grant environmental clearance for the project, with construction slated to begin in July 2025.

The tunnel, planned by the National Highways Authority of India (NHAI), will span 4.9 km underground and require the felling of around 417 trees.

The DPCC report addressed local residents' objections, assuring that a tunnel boring machine (TBM) will be used, which is unlikely to impact the surface or nearby houses. Proper safety checks will be conducted during construction to prevent damage to structures, the report stated.

Environmental management plans (EMP) will be implemented during construction to mitigate environmental damage, particularly from air pollution caused by ready mix plants. The DPCC also emphasised that the tunnel would help alleviate congestion in Mahipalpur and surrounding areas, particularly on NH-48, a major route to and from Delhi airport and surrounding markets.

The project has already received approval from Delhi's Ridge Management Board, the Central Empowered Committee, and the Supreme Court.

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Namo Bharat Train to Connect Meerut and Delhi in Just 35 Minutes

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The Nammo Bharat trains entered Delhi as Prime Minister Narendra Modi inaugurated the 13-km section from Sahibabad to New Ashok Nagar via Anand Vihar. Before flagging off the trains from Rohini, he took a ride across the new section and interacted with passengers.

With the addition of the new section, 55 km of the total 82 km Delhi-Ghaziabad-Meerut corridor became operational. Commuters traveling from New Ashok Nagar in Delhi to Meerut South station in Uttar Pradesh's Meerut city can now reach their destination in 40 minutes, while the journey between Meerut South and Anand Vihar takes just 35 minutes. Trains will be available every 15 minutes.

Demonstrating the ease and accessibility of digital payments integrated into public transport services, Modi purchased a national common mobility card (NCCMC) using the UPI payment system. He then boarded the Nammo Bharat train from Sahibabad at around 11:20 am and deboarded at New Ashok Nagar RRTS station in nine minutes. During the journey, he interacted with travelers from various backgrounds. Engineering students shared their aspirations and discussed the corridor's technological advancements, while school students showcased their creativity through artwork, poetry, and songs inspired by the project. Regular commuters expressed how the Nammo Bharat trains had transformed their daily lives. Modi also interacted with women train operators and station controllers, commending their role in the operations.

While inaugurating the project at Rohini, Modi recalled his earlier train ride and mentioned that he had interacted with many youngsters who were filled with joy and hope. The Prime Minister emphasized that once the Nammo Bharat project is complete, it will significantly change traffic on the Delhi-Meerut route.

Of the newly inaugurated 13 km section, 6 km is underground at Anand Vihar, marking the first time that Nammo Bharat trains will operate in an underground section. An official from the National Capital Region Transport Corporation (NCRRTC), which is executing the Delhi-Ghaziabad-Meerut RRTS corridor, stated that Nammo Bharat is a long-term strategic intervention by the government aimed at decongesting the national capital, reducing vehicular congestion and air pollution, and promoting balanced and sustainable regional development. Once the entire 82 km Delhi-Meerut

Namo Bharat corridor is operational, it will remove more than 1 lakh private vehicles from the roads and reduce carbon emissions by 2.5 lakh tonnes.

The entire corridor is expected to be ready by June, and further construction in other sections, such as New Ashok Nagar-Sarai Kale Khan and Meerut South-Modipuram, is progressing rapidly, according to an official.

The Anand Vihar Namoo Bharat station seamlessly integrates with other transport modes, including the Inter-State and City Bus Stands in Delhi, the UPSRTC bus stand at Kaushambi, Anand Vihar railway station, and a metro station serving the pink and blue lines. This marks the city's first multi-modal transport integration point. An official highlighted that the station will benefit not only residents from nearby areas like Shreshtha Vihar, Ramprastha, Brij Vihar, and Surajmal Vihar but also commuters from across Delhi and other parts of the country.

Similarly, the New Ashok Nagar station is connected with the blue line, providing a smooth commute for residents of Mayur Vihar, New Ashok Nagar, Chilla Village, Vasundhara, and Noida. Such an integration has also been planned for the under-construction Sarai Kale Khan station.

One coach in each train is reserved for women, and other coaches have reserved seats for women, the elderly, and persons with disabilities. An official mentioned that specific spaces are provided for wheelchairs stretchers, and a train attendant is available at each train to assist passengers. Additionally, panic buttons are present in the coaches and on the platform screen doors for emergency help.

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Delhi to Meerut in just Rs 150 and 43 minutes in Namoo Bharat: All about Delhi-Ghaziabad-Meerut RRTS corridor's new stations

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The newly inaugurated Delhi-Ghaziabad-Meerut Regional Rapid Transit System (RRTS) corridor has made intercity travel faster, easier, and more affordable. With the introduction of high-speed Namoo Bharat trains, commuters can now travel from Delhi to Meerut South in just 43 minutes at a fare as low as Rs 150.

Construction of other sections of the RRTS corridor—New Ashok Nagar to Sarai Kale Khan and Meerut South to Modipuram—is progressing rapidly. Of the newly inaugurated 13-km section, 6 km is underground, marking a first for Namoo Bharat trains.

55 km RRTS stretch becomes operational

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The operational 55-km stretch of the RRTS corridor connects New Ashok Nagar in Delhi to Meerut South, featuring 11 stations. Passenger services will start at 5 PM, with trains available every 15 minutes. The fare is Rs 150 for the standard coach, while the premium coach costs Rs 225. The Namo Bharat service, which has already transported over five million passengers, is expected to significantly improve regional connectivity.

Which are the operational stations on RRTS?

These stations include New Ashok Nagar, Anand Vihar, Sahibabad, Ghaziabad, Guldhar, Duhai, Duhai Depot, Muradnagar, Modi Nagar South, Modi Nagar North, and Meerut South. Together, these stations ensure seamless connectivity and convenient travel for commuters along the 55-km stretch.

RRTS's first underground station in Anand Vihar

The Anand Vihar station, part of the underground section, stands as one of the largest stations on the corridor. Meanwhile, New Ashok Nagar station is the first elevated station in the Delhi section to become operational. These stations have been designed for seamless integration with other modes of public transport, such as metro and bus services, making travel more convenient for passengers.

Namo Bharat trains prioritise passenger comfort and inclusivity. One coach is reserved exclusively for women, while other coaches feature designated seats for women, senior citizens, and differently-abled individuals (Divyangjans). Each train has provisions for wheelchairs and stretchers and includes an onboard train attendant to assist passengers.

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