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PM Modi Inaugurates NAMO Hospital Phase 1, Launches Rs 2,580 Crore Projects In Silvassa

PTI,
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Prime Minister Narendra Modi visited Silvassa, the capital of Dadra and Nagar Haveli and Daman and Diu, on Friday (7 March), where he inaugurated the first phase of NAMO Hospital.

NAMO Hospital (Phase I) in Silvassa, a 450 bedded hospital built at the cost of over Rs 460 crore, will significantly strengthen healthcare services in the Union Territory, according to a PMO statement.

It will provide state-of-the-art medical care to the people in the region, especially the tribal communities.

Prime Minister Modi also inaugurated and laid the foundation stone of multiple development projects for the UT worth over Rs 2,580 crore at Silvassa.

These include various village roads and other road infrastructure, schools, health and wellness centres, Panchayat and administrative buildings, Anganwadi centres, water supply and sewage infrastructure among others.

These projects aim to improve connectivity, promote industrial growth, encourage tourism, create employment opportunities and aim at enhancing public welfare initiatives in the region.

As part of the Rozgar Mela, PM Modi distributed appointment letters to new recruits. Additionally, he distributed benefits to the beneficiaries under PM Awas Yojana - Urban, Gir Adarsh Aajeevika Yojana and Sylvan Didi scheme.

The Gir Adarsh Aajeevika Yojana aims to boost economic empowerment of women belonging to scheduled castes (SCs), scheduled tribes (STs), other backward classes (OBCs), minorities and divyangjan in the region through setting up small dairy farms and bringing social and economic changes in their lives.

The Sylvan Didi scheme is an initiative to uplift women street vendors by providing them with aesthetically designed carts, with co funding from PM SVANIDHI scheme.

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Bengaluru Set To Get Major Infrastructure Upgrades As Karnataka Budget Focuses On Metro Expansion, Tunnel Corridors And Signal-Free Roads

Swarajya,
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Karnataka Chief Minister Siddaramaiah, while presenting his record 16th budget on 7 March, announced a major infrastructure boost for Bengaluru.

The move comes ahead of the Bengaluru civic body elections and amid mounting public dissatisfaction over the city's poor infrastructure.

“The government prioritises basic infrastructure in Bengaluru, which plays a key role in the state's economy. The annual grant of Rs 3,000 crore will be increased to Rs 7,000 crore in 2025-26,” he said, Moneycontrol reported.

To ensure effective execution of infrastructure projects and oversee these funds, the government will establish a Special Purpose Vehicle (SPV).

This move reduces BBMP's role in large-scale development, following criticism of its handling of Bengaluru's infrastructure.

Siddaramaiah stated that efforts are underway to reduce Bengaluru's urban pressure by fostering the development of second- and third-tier cities.

The budget also includes plans to extend the Metro line from Kempegowda International Airport to Devanahalli.

Siddaramaiah said the government plans to add 98.6 km of new metro routes in the next two years.

"The government is also planning to extend the Metro network up to Devanahalli," he said.

Currently, the Bengaluru Metro network spans 79.65 km, catering to around 8.5 lakh daily passengers.

Siddaramaiah also provided an update on the long-delayed Peripheral Ring Road (PRR) project, confirming that land acquisition has begun with dedicated teams in place.

The project, now renamed the 'Bengaluru Business Corridor,' will be built at a cost of Rs 27,000 crore with HUDCO Bank's assistance, he said.

The CM announced that Bengaluru's Majestic bus stand would undergo redevelopment under a public-private partnership (PPP) model.

The project aims to transform it into a modern transport hub with a commercial complex.

"A new satellite bus stand will also be built at KR Pura in Bengaluru East under the PPP model to ease congestion," he said.

Additionally, 2,381 diesel buses and 716 electric buses will be added to the state's four road transport corporations in 2024-25.

The budget also includes several flagship projects under the 'Brand Bengaluru' initiative, championed by Deputy CM and Bengaluru Development Minister D K Shivakumar.

He said the government has guaranteed Rs 19,000 crore to BBMP for the North-South and East-West tunnel corridors, estimated to cost Rs 40,000 crore.

Under 'Brand Bengaluru,' the government has allocated Rs 1,800 crore for 21 schemes in 2024-25.

Measures to ease congestion include making key roads signal-free and constructing a 40.5 km double-decker flyover alongside Namma Metro Phase 3 for Rs 8,916 crore.

Further, Rs 3,000 crore will be spent on building 300 km of roads using canal buffer zones, while 460 km of arterial and sub-arterial roads will be developed for Rs 660 crore.

Another 120 km of flyovers and grade separators are also planned.

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Rail Link to Vizhinjam Port Set to Complete by Dec 2028

CW Team,

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The crucial rail and road connectivity projects linking Vizhinjam International Seaport are making progress. While the 1.7-km road connecting the port to NH-66 is in its final stages, the rail link is projected to be completed by 2028. Port Minister V N Vasavan informed the assembly that land acquisition for the rail connectivity project linking Vizhinjam port to Balaramapuram railway station is nearing completion.

The land acquisition covers 4.6 hectares in Balaramapuram, Pallichal, and Athiyannoor. The proposal for connecting the port road to NH-66 has been submitted for approval to the National Highways Authority of India (NHAI).

The proposed rail line will span 10.7 km, with 9.43 km of it being an underground tunnel. Construction will begin once the cabinet approves the detailed project report (DPR) from Konkan Railway Corporation Ltd. The state government has submitted proposals to the Union Government under various central schemes to secure funding for the project.

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