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Rs 4,500 crore Greenfield Highway gets Centre's nod, PM Modi says it will boost Maharashtra growth

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The Cabinet Committee on Economic Affairs, led by Prime Minister Narendra Modi, has given its approval for the construction of a 6-lane, access-controlled Greenfield High-Speed National Highway.



Maharashtra: Rs 4500 crore Greenfield Highway approved to improve connectivity and ease congestion. (Image Source: Freepik)

The Cabinet Committee on Economic Affairs, chaired by Prime Minister Narendra Modi, has approved the construction of a six-lane, access-controlled Greenfield High-Speed National Highway, according to a government release. The Rs 4,500.62 crore project will connect JNPA Port (Pagote) to Chowk in Maharashtra and will be developed under the Build, Operate, and Transfer (BOT) mode.

Enhancing port and airport connectivity

The new highway aims to improve connectivity between key infrastructure hubs, aligning with the PM Gati Shakti National Master Plan. With increasing container traffic at JNPA Port and the upcoming Navi Mumbai International Airport (set to open in 2025), better road infrastructure is crucial.

Currently, vehicles travelling from JNPA Port to NH-48 and the Mumbai-Pune Expressway face severe congestion, taking 2-3 hours due to bottlenecks at Palaspe Phata, D-Point, Kalamboli Junction, and Panvel. Traffic in these areas reaches approximately 1.8 lakh Passenger Car Units (PCU) per day. The new corridor will provide direct and efficient access, reducing travel time and easing congestion.

Key features of the highway

Strategic Connectivity: The highway will link JNPA Port (NH-348) in Pagote village to NH-48, connecting major routes like NH-66 (Mumbai-Goa) and the Mumbai-Pune Expressway.

Tunnel Infrastructure: Two tunnels through the Sahyadri mountain range will allow commercial vehicles, especially large container trucks, to bypass hilly ghat sections, ensuring smoother transit.

Improved Freight Transport: The highway will enhance logistics efficiency, reducing delays and transportation costs.

Once completed, the six-lane corridor will boost economic growth by strengthening trade routes and facilitating seamless goods movement.

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After Two Decades Of Delay, Haryana Clears Faridabad-Noida-Ghaziabad Expressway Project To Boost Delhi-NCR Connectivity

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In a landmark move set to transform intercity travel in the National Capital Region (NCR), the Haryana government has finally approved the long-stalled Faridabad-Noida-Ghaziabad (FNG) Expressway, bringing to life a project first proposed nearly two decades ago by the Noida Authority.

The green signal from Haryana, confirmed by an Economic Times report on 22 March, marks a critical breakthrough in regional road infrastructure.

The expressway is set to bridge the long-standing connectivity gap between Faridabad and Uttar Pradesh. As it stands, commuters are compelled to use Delhi's congested Kalindi Kunj route due to the lack of a direct link.

The FNG Expressway will not only address this critical shortcoming but also serve as the first direct corridor between Faridabad and Noida.

A key component of the project includes the construction of a 600-metre-long bridge over the Yamuna River near Lalpur village. The financial cost of the bridge will be shared equally between the Haryana and Uttar Pradesh governments.

Minister Vipul Goyal highlighted the strategic relevance of the project during Haryana's budget discussions, noting that over 1 lakh individuals commute daily between Faridabad, Noida, and Ghaziabad.

The expressway is expected to ease traffic congestion, cut travel time, and stimulate economic activity in the surrounding districts.

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Govt Identifies 15 Stations for Redevelopment Under PPP Model Business Standard, March 24, 2025

The Ministry of Railways has identified 15 out of 1,337 stations for redevelopment under the Public-Private Partnership (PPP) model, the government informed the Lok Sabha.

In response to a query by DMK MP C.N. Annadurai, Railway Minister Ashwini Vaishnaw stated that Rani Kamalapati station in Madhya Pradesh has already been redeveloped and commissioned under the PPP model.

Annadurai sought details on the investment received, the private entities involved, the criteria for their selection, and the financial model, including revenue-sharing mechanisms. However, Vaishnaw noted that station redevelopment is a complex and iterative process, and specific details on the PPP model cannot be provided at this stage.

The government has identified 1,337 stations under the Amrit Bharat Station Scheme for long-term redevelopment. The initiative aims to improve station access, waiting halls, circulating areas, toilets, lifts, escalators, cleanliness, and free Wi-Fi in phases.

While various models for station redevelopment have been explored, only 15 stations have been shortlisted under the PPP model. Vaishnaw emphasised that PPP projects involve additional business and financing considerations, and the government is working towards optimising their implementation.

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NHAI to Develop Rs 910 Bn Road Links to Boost Delhi Connectivity MEDIA BILTRAX, March 24, 2025



The National Highways Authority of India (NHAI) is advancing the preparation of Detailed Project Reports (DPRs) for three proposed road links in Delhi, with an estimated cost of Rs 910 billion. The exact budget will be finalized upon the completion of the DPRs, which are expected within six to seven months, paving the way for the construction phase.

One of the key projects is a 20 km link road that will connect Urban Extension Road-II (UER-II) with the Delhi-Katra Expressway through the Kundli-Manesar-Palwal (KMP) Expressway. This corridor aims to provide a seamless route for vehicles from Jammu & Kashmir and Punjab, enabling direct access to the Delhi-Mumbai Expressway and the Indira Gandhi International (IGI) Airport. The estimated cost for this link is Rs 25 billion.

Another significant proposal includes a 17 km road link between UER-II near Alipur and Tronica City. This stretch will be in proximity to the under-construction Delhi-Dehradun Expressway, facilitating smoother movement for vehicles traveling from Rajasthan and Haryana towards Dehradun. Additionally, this new link is expected to reduce congestion on Delhi's existing Ring Road.

The third project focuses on developing a 35 km corridor that will serve as a bypass for East Delhi. This route will establish a direct connection between the Delhi-Dehradun Expressway and Noida, improving travel efficiency for commuters from northern, northwestern, and southwestern Delhi.

Upon completion, these infrastructure developments will enhance connectivity, decongest traffic, and provide faster, more efficient travel options for commuters within and around the capital.

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