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## A New Era of Leadership at the Construction Federation of India (CFI)

CFI proudly acknowledges the strong foundation laid by our past office bearers, whose dedication and vision have shaped the association into what it is today.

**As we celebrate 25 years of this remarkable journey, we honour the legacy that has brought us this far.**

Moving forward, we entrust our present office bearers with this legacy—encouraging them to further strengthen the association, drive progress, and lead with integrity and purpose.

*“Safar sirf waqt ka nahi, hauslon ka bhi saboot hai,  
Har buniyad mein mehnat hai, har udaan mein junoon hai.  
25 saalon ki kahani, sirf yaadein nahi—ek pehchaan hai,  
CFI ka har kadam, ek nayi udaan ka armaan hai.”*

Together, we continue to build a stronger, more impactful CFI.

**#CFI #25YearsOfJourney #Leadership #Legacy #StrongerTogether #Growth**

The Construction Federation of India is honored to present its newly appointed **Office Bearers and National Council**—a dynamic leadership team set to drive transformation, innovation, and excellence across India’s infrastructure landscape.



### CFI Office Bearers

- **Mr. MV Satish – President, CFI** | Adviser to CMD, L&T Construction
- **Ms. Preiti Patel – Vice President, CFI** | CSGO, Tata Projects
- **Mr. Ajit Bhate – Treasurer, CFI** | MD, Precast India Infrastructures Pvt. Ltd.

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 ***Heartiest congratulations to all the newly elected leaders!***

**CFI National Council** - A powerhouse of industry stalwarts bringing vision, experience, and strategic direction:

- Mr. Ajit Gulabchand – President Emeritus, CFI & Chairman, HCC Ltd.
- Mr. Vinayak Pai – Immediate Past President, CFI & MD & CEO, Tata Projects Ltd.
- Mr. Akhil Gupta – Immediate VP, CFI & CEO, Shapoorji Pallonji & Co. Pvt. Ltd.
- Mr. Arjun Dhawan – Vice Chairman & MD, HCC Ltd.
- Dr. Nalin Gupta – Managing Director, J. Kumar Infraprojects Ltd.
- Mr. Vimal Kejriwal – MD & CEO, KEC International Ltd.
- Mr. Yogen Lal – CEO (BD & Strategy), Welspun Enterprises Ltd.
- Mr. Hardik Agrawal – Director, Dineshchandra R. Agrawal Infracon Pvt. Ltd.
- Mr. P. Krishnam Raju P – Vice President (CBD), NCC Ltd.
- Mr. K. L. Daga – Whole-Time Director, Patel Engineering Ltd.
- Mr. Arjan Rabari – CMD, LCC Ltd.

With deep expertise and a shared commitment, this leadership team is poised to accelerate growth, champion innovation, and build a resilient, world-class infrastructure landscape for the nation.

***We look forward to the impactful journey in shaping the future of the industry and contributing to India's growth story.***

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## PM Modi Inaugurates Ahmedabad–Dholera Expressway, Lays Foundation For Key Highway And Flyover Projects Across Gujarat

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Prime Minister Narendra Modi on Tuesday (31 March) inaugurated the Ahmedabad–Dholera Expressway, an access-controlled highway constructed at an estimated cost of more than Rs 5,100 crore.

The corridor is expected to significantly improve connectivity between Ahmedabad and the upcoming industrial hub of Dholera.

The Prime Minister also laid the foundation stone for several road infrastructure projects, including the four-lane Idar–Badoli bypass with paved shoulders and the upgradation of the Dholavira–Mauvana–Vauva–Santalpur stretch of National Highway 754K into a two-lane paved shoulder carriageway.

Another major project announced was a flyover at Bhajipura Junction on the Gandhinagar–Koba–Airport Road, which is expected to ease traffic congestion and provide organised parking facilities beneath the elevated structure.

Addressing a public gathering, the Prime Minister highlighted Gujarat’s strong progress in renewable energy, noting that the state now leads India in solar power generation.

Recalling his tenure as Chief Minister in 2010, he said the establishment of a multi-technology solar park helped trigger the solar energy movement in the state and laid the foundation for Gujarat’s current leadership in renewable energy development.

In addition, 44 urban development projects worth around Rs 5,300 crore were launched across the state.

Healthcare infrastructure was also strengthened with the inauguration of an 858-bed Rain Basera facility at Civil Hospital in Asarwa, Ahmedabad, along with similar accommodation facilities at Gandhinagar Civil Hospital and GMERS Medical College.

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## Centre Reviewing Jammu And Srinagar Metro Plans After DPRs For Twin-City Projects Submitted: J&K CM

Business Standard,  
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The proposed metro rail projects for Jammu and Srinagar have moved a step forward, with the Government of India currently reviewing the plans.

Responding to a query raised in the Legislative Assembly by BJP MLA Mohan Lal, Education Minister Sakeena Itoo informed the House that the Detailed Project Reports (DPRs) for both metro projects have been prepared by RITES Ltd and submitted to the Centre for evaluation.

The reply was given on behalf of Chief Minister Omar Abdullah.

According to the government, extensive groundwork has already been carried out for the Jammu project. This included detailed traffic studies, ground surveys, feasibility analysis and alignment planning to determine the most suitable route and infrastructure requirements.

The DPR also incorporates ridership projections, financial modelling, environmental considerations and seismic design standards.

Officials estimate that the Jammu metro corridor could witness a daily ridership of around 2.84 lakh passengers by 2035. The proposed line is expected to run from Bantalab to Bari Brahmana, covering roughly 23 kilometres with 22 stations along the route.

The project will require approximately 29.58 hectares of permanent land and an additional 1.50 hectares of temporary land during construction. The Economic Internal Rate of Return (EIRR) for the project has been assessed at 18.92 per cent, indicating strong financial viability.

The minister also clarified that the current proposal focuses solely on the Jammu urban corridor and does not include an extension to Akhnoor town. Any expansion beyond the approved alignment would require separate feasibility studies and approval from the central government.

For Srinagar, similar preparatory work has been carried out, including topographical surveys, engineering feasibility assessments, traffic and ridership evaluations as well as financial analysis.

With both DPRs now completed and submitted, the next stage will depend on the Centre's appraisal and approval process.

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## Gati Shakti Vishwavidyalaya, DGCA Sign Pact To Train Indian Aviation Workforce Amid Rapid Sector Growth

The Economic Times,  
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The agreement was signed in the presence of Union Ministers Ashwini Vaishnaw and K Rammohan Naidu.

Gati Shakti Vishwavidyalaya has signed a Memorandum of Understanding with the Directorate General of Civil Aviation (DGCA) to formalise the education and training of technical professionals in the aviation industry.

The agreement was signed in the presence of Union Ministers Ashwini Vaishnaw and K Rammohan Naidu.

The collaboration primarily focuses on improving the academic framework for Aircraft Maintenance Engineers (AMEs), ensuring that the workforce supporting India's rapidly growing aviation sector meets global standards.

The initiative is expected to help address a key gap faced by many skilled aviation technicians who lack formal academic qualifications despite extensive technical expertise.

Speaking at the event, Naidu pointed out that the sector's strong growth has increased the need for a well-trained workforce capable of supporting modern aviation infrastructure.

The MoU will enable Gati Shakti Vishwavidyalaya to develop structured curricula and award formal degrees to aircraft maintenance professionals. According to Naidu, this step will help overcome a major professional hurdle faced by engineers working in aircraft maintenance.

"The major feedback that we got from these AMEs who are getting trained through the approved organizations is that they're not having any specific degree even though they have one of the best skills to handle the aircraft to handle the maintenance to handle the repair of the aircraft," he said.

The minister also emphasised the importance of developing a strong domestic aviation ecosystem, particularly in aircraft manufacturing and maintenance services.

He added that India's aviation expansion will require significant manpower in the coming years, noting that airlines currently have about 1,700 aircraft on order and the country may need between 10,000 and 12,000 additional pilots over the next decade.

"Our honorable Prime Minister has put special focus upon that in India, we have to train in India, we have to get them educated in India, and we have to create the workforce from the Indian youth," he said.

Naidu also noted that the Union Cabinet has recently approved an additional Rs 28,000 crore for the UDAN regional connectivity programme, which is expected to further boost aviation growth and increase demand for trained professionals across the sector.

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## Railways Plan New Lines In Rajasthan Border Districts To Improve Connectivity In Bikaner, Jaisalmer And Barmer

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These routes are intended to improve access to remote desert districts including Bikaner, Jaisalmer and Barmer, where rail infrastructure remains limited.

The Ministry of Railways has initiated plans for three major railway projects in the border districts of Rajasthan.

According to a PTI report, the projects involve the construction of new railway lines connecting Anupgarh–Khajuwala, Jaisalmer–Barmer–Bhiladi and Khajuwala–Jaisalmer.

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North Western Railway Chief Public Relations Officer Amit Sudarshan said a Detailed Project Report has already been prepared for the proposed 187 km Anupgarh–Khajuwala rail line.

The project, estimated to cost around Rs 2,277 crore, aims to link the border town of Anupgarh, located close to the Pakistan border, with Khajuwala in Bikaner district. The proposal is currently awaiting further approvals from the central authorities.

Two additional railway corridors are also under consideration. The proposed Jaisalmer–Barmer–Bhiladi rail line is expected to extend approximately 380 km, while the Khajuwala–Jaisalmer route would span around 260 km.

Officials said final location surveys for both these projects are currently underway to determine the most suitable alignments.

Large parts of the border districts, including Sri Ganganagar and surrounding areas, still rely heavily on road transport. For years, local communities and representatives have sought stronger rail connectivity to improve mobility, trade and access to services.

Sudarshan noted that the expansion of railway infrastructure would help integrate remote regions more effectively with the rest of the state and the national network.

The projects were also referenced by Railway Minister Ashwini Vaishnaw during discussions on the Railways' demand for grants for 2026–27 in Parliament.

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