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Centre Approves Funds For Key Infrastructure Projects In Dehradun And Nainital Under Special Assistance Scheme

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Uttarakhand Chief Minister Pushkar Singh Dhama.

The Central Government has sanctioned Rs 164.67 crore under "Scheme for Special Assistance to States for Capital Expenditure" for various development works in Uttarakhand's Dehradun and Nainital, ANI reported.

Of the sanctioned projects, Rs 828.27 lakh has been sanctioned for the development of a pond and park in Ramjiwala (Mianwala) under the Mussoorie Dehradun Development Authority (MDDA), and Rs 672.57 lakh has been sanctioned for the development of Gaura Devi Park in Defence Colony.

Chief Minister Pushkar Singh Dhama said that the central government's support for big projects is continuously being received.

He expressed special gratitude to Prime Minister Narendra Modi and Finance Minister Nirmala Sitharaman for sanctioning funds for infrastructure in Dehradun and Nainital.

The Uttarakhand CMO said that the Centre has approved multiple development works for Dehradun and Nainital, including:

- Rs 13,441.85 lakh for a multi-level car parking and office complex building at Tehsil Chowk
- Rs 12,560.70 lakh for a multi-level car parking complex in Rishikesh

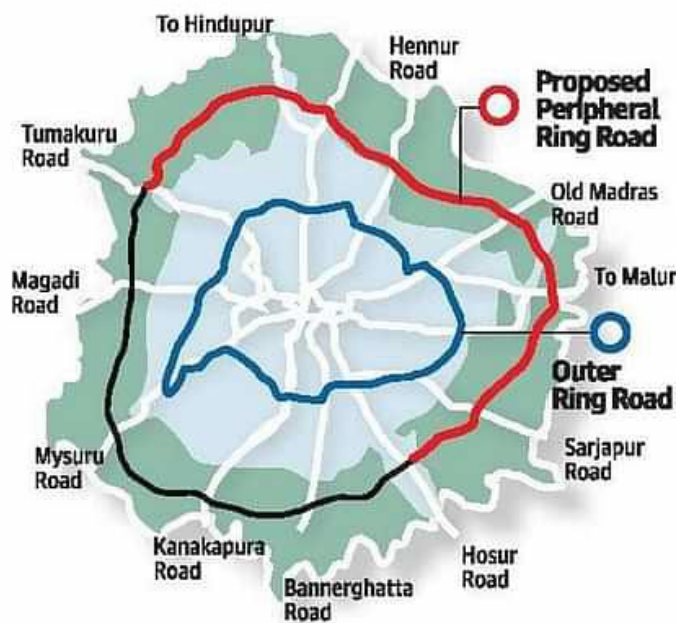
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- Rs 12,150.38 lakh for the construction of Aadhat Bazar near Kargi Chowk
- Rs 404.85 lakh for the upgradation of a water source on Maldevta Road in the vicinity of Raipur
- Rs 1,215.36 lakh for a community center building in Garhi Cantt
- Rs 1,241.59 lakh for road and drainage construction work at Sher Ka Danda in Nainital
- Rs 621.10 lakh for road and drainage upgradation in the city of Nainital

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Karnataka Plans Tunnel Link Connecting Multiple National Highways Entering Bengaluru

Swarajya,
April 04, 2025



Peripheral Ring Road Project In Bengaluru (The Hindu)

The Karnataka government has proposed a peripheral tunnel road to improve connectivity among several national highways entering Bengaluru as part of its overall infrastructure development plan.

The project is one of 12 proposals that have been sent to the Centre for approval, The Hindu reported.

Currently, the state government has proposed two crucial tunnel projects: Hebbal-Silk Board connectivity and KR Puram-Mysuru Road (Nayandahalli) connectivity.

Moreover, a tunnel road connecting Mysuru Road (NH-275) and Hosur Road (NH 48 & NH 75) through Tumakuru Road (NH 48), Ballari Road (NH 44), and Old Madras Road (Old NH-4) has been proposed to decongest Bengaluru.

Chief Minister Siddaramaiah met Union Minister Nitin Gadkari in Delhi on Wednesday (2 April) to seek approval for significant highway projects in the state.

He also thanked the Union Minister for clearing six projects previously.

The Chief Minister urged the Centre to sanction the widening of state highways having traffic volumes more than 10,000 passenger car units (PCU).

He also requested enhancement of sanction of national highway works of Rs 24,000 crore under the 2025-2026 annual plan.

Among the new proposals, Karnataka has requested:

- Early approval of the Pune-Bengaluru Greenfield Expressway.
- A tunnel at Shiradi Ghat on NH-75 to enhance connectivity between Mangaluru Port and Bengaluru.
- Upgradation of road declared in principle as national highways on priority
- Upgradation of nine grade separators on NH-275 in Mysuru Ring Road.
- Construction of elevated corridor in Belagavi city on Pune-Bengaluru NH 4 for decongestion of Belagavi city

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Over 3,600 Km Of High-Speed Corridors Built In Last Five Years, National Highway Construction Pace Jumps To 31 Km Per Day

Business Standard,

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A national highway. (Representational Image).

The Ministry of Road Transport and Highways has constructed a total length of over 3,600 km of high-speed corridors during the last five years, the Parliament was informed on Wednesday (2 April).

"The Government in the Ministry of Road Transport and Highways has constructed total length of about 3,660 km High-Speed Corridors during the last five years," Road Transport and Highways Minister Nitin Gadkari said in a written reply to a question in the Rajya Sabha.

The minister also noted that the average pace of the construction of National Highways has increased to 31 km per day in the last five financial years (FY20-FY24).

"The average pace of construction of National Highways (NHs) during the last five years from 2019-20 to 2023-24, was about 31 km per day, as compared to about 22 km per day during the previous five-year period from 2014-15 to 2018-19," Gadkari said.

During this time (FY20 to FY24), Maharashtra led the construction charts with over 9,300 km of NHs built, followed by Rajasthan (4,148 km), Uttar Pradesh (4,016 km), Madhya Pradesh (3,921 km), Andhra Pradesh (2,686 km), and Tamil Nadu (2,626 km).

In terms of expanding capacity, more than 22,000 km of four-lane and higher configuration NHs (excluding High-Speed Corridors) were also constructed.

Maharashtra again topped the list with 3,140 km, followed by Uttar Pradesh (2,200 km), Madhya Pradesh (1,222 km), Odisha (1,122), Karnataka (1,088 km), and Tamil Nadu (1,030 km).

The minister said that the government has taken several steps to enhance road infrastructure, including:

- Expanding the NH network and identifying key corridors for accelerated development.
- Promoting integrated planning through the PM GatiShakti National Master Plan.

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- Increasing budget allocations and leveraging private investment via PPP models and innovative financing like InvIT.
- Preparing a shelf of DPRs in advance for faster project rollout.
- Streamlining land acquisition via the Bhoomi Rashi portal and speeding up environmental, forest, and wildlife clearances through the PARIVESH portal.
- Strengthening the domestic contractor base and overhauling the dispute resolution framework.
- Engaging private sector experts for project supervision and deploying digital tools such as GIS, mobile apps, drones, and real-time online monitoring systems.
- Encouraging adoption of new technologies, and investing in knowledge sharing and capacity building to ensure long-term infrastructure readiness.

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NHAI Exceeds Highway Construction Target In FY25, Builds 5,614 Km Against 5,150 Km Goal
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Highway construction in Uttar Pradesh - a representative image. (UPEIDA)

The National Highways Authority of India (NHAI) has surpassed its annual target for highway construction in the financial year 2024-25, building 5,614 km of National Highways against the target of 5,150 km, the Ministry of Road Transport and Highways said in a statement on Wednesday (2 April).

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Additionally, NHAI's capital expenditure for National Highway development reached an all-time high of Rs 2,50,000 crore (provisional) against a target expenditure of Rs 2,40,000 crore, the ministry said.

This marks a 21 per cent increase from Rs 2,07,000 crore in FY 2023-24 and a 45 per cent growth over Rs 1,73,000 crore in FY 2022-23.

This highest ever capital expenditure in a financial year by NHAI includes both government budgetary support and NHAI's own resources.

The ministry said that during FY25, NHAI leveraged three modes for monetization, that included Toll Operate Transfer (TOT), Infrastructure Investment Trust (InvIT) and Toll Securitisation.

"During the Financial Year, NHAI monetized assets for a total of Rs. 28,724 Crore. This includes NHAI's highest ever single round InvIT receipt worth Rs. 17,738 Crore," the ministry said.

"NHAI is committed to build world class National Highway infrastructure across the country that will contribute not only to the growth of the road sector but will also play a critical role in nation building and advancing the growth of the Indian economy," the ministry added.

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NHAI surpasses FY25 construction target by 9%

Reuters,

April 03, 2025

NHAI exceeded its FY25 highway construction target by 9%, building 5,614 km of roads. However, it fell short of its monetisation goal. The authority's capital expenditure reached an all-time high of Rs 2.5 lakh crore, marking a significant increase from previous years.

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In 2024-25 NHA concluded the fourth round of monetisation through National Highways Infrastructure Trust (NHIT) raising RS 17738 crore, the highest ever. (Representational Image/Reuters)

The National Highways Authority of India constructed 5614 km of highways in the just concluded financial year 2024-25, which was 9% more than the target but fell short of its monetisation target by a big margin.

The highway construction was however lower than 6,644 km built in 2023-24. The pace of highway construction and award was lower in 2024-25 due to the long drawn election process which held back clearances due to the model code of conduct. Overall road construction target for FT 25 was 10,421 km. In the next financial year the government is targeting 10,000 km of road building.

The monetisation target for the 2014-25 was around Rs 39,000 crore but the highway builder could collect only Rs 28,724 crore. The shortfall is due to the directive from the Ministry of Road Transport and Highways (MoRTH) to keep monetisation through Toll Operate Transfer (ToT) on hold pending a review.

The NHA has received bids for two ToT bundles during the financial year which it did not open and awarded those highways following the MoRTH's directions. MoRTH sees better realisation through monetisation by Infrastructure Investment Trust route and has asked NHA for its view before firming up its stance.

In 2024-25 NHA concluded the fourth round of monetisation through National Highways Infrastructure Trust (NHIT) raising RS 17738 crore, the highest ever. By monetising one highway bundle through ToT, Rs 6.661 crore was raised. The remaining Rs 4,325 crore came through project-based financing. Project based financing involves raising debt for the Delhi-Mumbai Expressway stretches. The debt is serviced through the toll receipts from those stretches.

The monetisation is emerging as an important avenue of resource mobilisation for highway construction. In the 2025-26 the monetisation target if rs 30,000 crore which will cover 10% of total budgetary resources.

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The Capital Expenditure by NHAI in 2024-25 for development of national highway infrastructure touched an all-time high of over Rs. 2,50,000 Crore (provisional) against a target of Rs. 2,40,000 Crore. This highest ever capital expenditure in a Financial Year by NHAI includes both Government budgetary support and NHAI's own resources.

The overall capital expenditure increased by around 21% as compared to Rs. 2,07,000 Crore in previous FY 2023-24 and by around 45% as compared to Rs. 1,73,000 Crore in FY 2022-23.

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Dineshchandra R Agrawal Infracon to Build Guwahati Ring Road on BOT Toll Model

CW Team,

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Ahmedabad-based Dineshchandra R Agrawal Infracon (DRA Infracon) has secured the 121 km Guwahati Ring Road project in Assam under the build, operate, and transfer (BOT) toll model. The company emerged as the lowest bidder for the Rs 49 billion project, committing to construct the highway without any grant from the National Highways Authority of India (NHAI).

This marks NHAI's first fully private-funded highway project in nearly three years. The Rs 52.79 billion Guwahati Ring Road project includes a three-km bridge on the Brahmaputra, with the company recovering its investment through toll collection. The Assam government will bear 50 per cent of the land cost and provide exemptions on aggregate royalties and the state portion of GST.

The project will be executed in three sections:

- 4-lane Access-Controlled Northern Guwahati Bypass (56 km)
- Widening of NH 27 bypass from 4 to 6 lanes (8 km)
- Improvement of NH 27 bypass (58 km)
- 3 km bridge over the Brahmaputra

Once completed, the Guwahati Ring Road will enhance connectivity for long-distance traffic along NH 27 (East-West Corridor), a crucial gateway to the North-East region.

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Delhi Metro To Get 128 New Stations? DMRC Plans 21-Km Corridor For East Delhi Between Mayur Vihar And Loni Border

Arjun Brij

Swarajya,

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Delhi Metro Rail Corporation (DMRC) is set to revolutionise city transport with its Phase 5 project, India Today reported.

One of the most important features of this project is the 21 km corridor from Mayur Vihar Phase 3 to Loni Border that will reduce travel time by far for thousands of commuters traveling to and from East Delhi and surrounding areas.

At present, people in this area have to depend on far-off stations like Ashok Nagar, Mayur Vihar Extension, and Noida Sector 15. The new corridor will reduce travel time and cut down on traffic congestion, providing a direct and efficient mode of transit.

The project will be implemented in two phases:

- Phase 5(A): Will deal with finishing the last 15.8 km of Phase 4 with corridors like Indraprastha to Central Vista, Aerocity to Airport Terminal 1, and Tughlakabad to Kalindi Kunj.
- Phase 5(B): Will encompass the development of 15 new corridors, which include the Mayur Vihar Phase 3-Loni Border section. DMRC is revising a previous 2014 DPR that envisioned a light metro between Mayur Vihar Phase 3 and Shastri Park and expanding it to Loni Border.

Phase 5 will have 128 new metro stations—79 elevated and 49 underground for smooth last-mile connectivity. Among the important proposed corridors are:

- Raja Nahar Singh to Palwal (24 km)
- Indraprastha to RK Puram (9.5 km)
- Noida Electronic City to Sahibabad (5.1 km)
- Najafgarh to Nangloi (13 km)
- Dwarka Sector 21 to Udyog Vihar (11 km)
- Mayapuri to Kashmiri Gate (12 km)
- CGO Complex to Surya Vihar, Faridabad (18 km)

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Delhi-Mumbai, Delhi-Howrah Rail Corridors Set For 160 Kmph Upgrade, Additional Lines Planned—All About It

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To enhance operational efficiency on two of India's busiest rail corridors—Delhi-Mumbai and Delhi-Howrah—the Ministry of Railways has launched a series of works and surveys aimed at enhancing speed and expanding line capacity.

On the Delhi-Mumbai corridor, which stretches over 1,386 kilometres, the work for raising sectional speed to 160 kmph has been sanctioned and is in advance stage, Railways Minister Ashwini Vaishnaw said in a written reply to a question in the Lok Sabha.

At present, 196 km of this route have four rail lines, and construction of the third and fourth lines has been taken up between Dahanu Road and Virar, covering 64 km, the minister said.

To extend this expansion, a survey has been sanctioned for the third and fourth lines across the remaining 1,126 km.

Additionally, 1,404 km of the Western Dedicated Freight Corridor (DFC) have been commissioned, and work is underway for the final 102-km segment.

Further, the Railways is also developing the 508-km Mumbai-Ahmedabad High-Speed Rail project.

Similarly, the Delhi-Howrah corridor, which spans 1,450 km, is undergoing a speed upgrade to 160 kmph.

The corridor currently includes a mix of double, triple, and quadruple tracks: 194 km are four-line sections, 312 km are triple-lined, and the remaining 944 km are double-lined.

Several capacity augmentation projects have been sanctioned on the Delhi-Howrah corridor and work taken up for them.

These include the multi-tracking of the Son Nagar to Andal section covering 375 km, the construction of a third line between Aligarh and Daud Khan spanning 18 km, and another third line between Mughalsarai and Allahabad extending 150 km.

Additionally, a fifth line is being built between Kalipahari and Bakhtarnagar for 18 km, while a fourth line is under construction between Saktigarh and Chandanpur covering 43 km.

The Nimcha up avoiding line is also being extended by 9.42 km.

In addition, surveys have been approved for the construction of 480 km of third lines, 96 km of fourth lines, and 151 km of fifth lines, the minister said.

The Eastern DFC, which spans 1,337 km, has already been commissioned.

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Over 1,900 Km Of Rail Lines Commissioned In Maharashtra As Part Of Rs 81,580 Crore Projects

PTI,

April 04, 2025



Indian Railways (PTI) (Representative Image)

A total of 41 railway projects covering 5,877 km and costing Rs 81,580 crore are underway in Maharashtra, the Ministry of Railways has informed the Lok Sabha.

These include 16 new line projects, 2 gauge conversion projects, and 23 doubling or multitracking projects.

As of March 2024, 1,926 km out of the sanctioned total has been commissioned.

The expenditure incurred so far on these projects stands at Rs 31,236 crore.

In a written reply to a question in the Lok Sabha, Railway Minister Ashwini Vaishnaw said, "As on 01.04.2024, 41 Railway projects (16 New Lines, 02 Gauge Conversions and 23 Doubling), of total length of 5,877 Km, costing Rs.81,580 crore falling fully/partly in the State of Maharashtra, including Yavatmal – Washim Parliamentary Constituency, are at various stages of planning and implementation, out of which 1,926 Km length has been commissioned and an expenditure of Rs.31,236 crore has been incurred upto March, 2024".

The 41 railway projects include 16 new lines (2,017 km), 2-gauge conversions (609 km), and 23 doubling or multitracking projects (3,251 km).

The minister further said that railway infrastructure projects falling fully or partly in the State of Maharashtra are covered under Central Railway (CR), South Central Railway (SCR), Western Railway (WR), South East Central Railway (SECR) and South Western Railway (SWR) zones of Indian Railways.

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