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Union Minister Nitin Gadkari inaugurates Badnawar-Ujjain National Highway in Madhya Pradesh

Newsnair,  
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Union Minister for Road Transport and Highways Nitin Gadkari today inaugurated the Badnawar-Ujjain National Highway in Madhya Pradesh. This National Highway, built at a cost of 1,352 crore rupees in Badnawar of Dhar district, has been constructed under the Bharatmala Project. Mr. Gadkari also performed the Bhoomi Pujan of 10 road projects with a total length of 328 kilometers, worth 5,800 crore rupees.

Speaking on the occasion, he said that five Greenfield Economic Corridors will be built in Madhya Pradesh at a cost of 33,000 crore rupees. Mr. Gadkari stated that a world-class iconic bridge will be constructed on the Narmada River in Omkareshwar. Additionally, six ropeways will also be built at a cost of 1,200 crore rupees. Mr. Gadkari added that infrastructure projects worth 3 lakh crore rupees will be completed in the state within a year.

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Madhya Pradesh will have better national highway network than U.S. in two years, says Gadkari

The Hindu Bureau,  
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Union Minister inaugurates projects worth ₹5,800 crore in the State, the 10 projects will add 328 kilometres to the State's national highway network.

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Madhya Pradesh's national highway network will be better than that of the United States within two years, Nitin Gadkari promised the State's public. File. | Photo Credit: PTI

Madhya Pradesh's national highway network will be better than that of the United States within two years, Union Minister of Road Transport and Highways Nitin Gadkari promised the State's public on Thursday from Dhar as he inaugurated and laid foundation to 10 NH projects worth ₹5,800 crore.

Mr. Gadkari made the claims in Badnawar area of Dhar district at an event to inaugurate five projects worth ₹3,502 crore, including the Badnawar-Ujjain four-lane highway built as part of the Bharatmala Project, and to lay foundation to another five projects worth ₹2,462 crore across the State. The 10 projects will add 328 kilometres to the State's NH network.

"I want to assure the people of Madhya Pradesh, the Chief Minister, the Minister and the MPs that within the next two years, Madhya Pradesh's national highway road network will become even

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better than that of America” Mr. Gadkari said at the event. Chief Minister Mohan Yadav and his Cabinet Colleagues like Kailash Vijayavargiya and Rakesh Singh also attended the event.

“You won’t have any complaints. And the announcements I make don’t go in vain. I will deliver what I say at any cost,” he said.

The Union Minister also said that infrastructure works worth ₹3 lakh crore will be completed in Madhya Pradesh in the coming one year. “Madhya Pradesh is developing rapidly,” he said.

“We will complete infrastructure work worth ₹3 lakh crore in a year which will lead to the formation of industrial clusters and generate employment due to connectivity with Delhi-Mumbai. This will rid [you] of poverty and hunger,” he said.

### **Advocates for smart villages**

*Mr. Gadkari also advocated for smart villages over smart cities.*

“We have to make smart villages and not smart cities, [where] the farmer becomes wealthy, each village has good roads, good schools, and the people of villages get clean drinking water, industry and employment, and health facilities. The farmers should get the right price for their crops. This is what the world is talking about,” he said.

Saying that infrastructural development plays a crucial role in a country’s growth, Mr. Gadkari recalled a quote by former U.S. president John F. Kennedy: “American roads are not good because America is rich; America is rich because American roads are good.”

“Wherever there is water, power, transport and communication, industries and businesses grow. And where industries and businesses grow, employment is created. Where there is employment, poverty, hunger, and unemployment cannot survive,” he added.

Later in the evening, Mr. Gadkari also visited the Mahakaleshwar temple in Ujjain with Mr. Singh and Mr. Vijayvargiya.

Earlier in 2018, then Chief Minister Shivraj Singh Chouhan, now a Union Minister, had made repeated claims that the State had better roads than the U.S.. The claims had triggered a war of words between the BJP and the Congress in the run up to the State Assembly elections held that year.

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**IL&FS Group resolves ₹45,281 cr debt**  
Business Standard,  
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The IL&FS (Infrastructure Leasing & Financial Services Limited) Group has recovered / resolved debt aggregating ₹45,281 crore, which is 45.47 per cent of the total external debt outstanding of ₹99,355 crore, per a Resolution Progress Report (as of March 21,2025), submitted to NCLT last week.

Further, the Group is at an “extremely advanced stage”, where resolution of only 105 entities out of the original 302 entities remains.

In September 2018, there were a series of defaults by IL&FS in repayments of commercial papers, non-convertible debentures and bank loans.

The Union of India, acting through the Ministry of Corporate Affairs, had initiated proceedings against IL&FS and its group companies under the Companies Act, 2013, on the grounds inter alia that the erstwhile board of the infrastructure financing company had prima facie mismanaged its affairs.

Pursuant to the said proceedings, the National Company Law Tribunal, Mumbai Bench, suspended the erstwhile board of directors of IL&FS and appointed new director

The modes of resolution being undertaken by IL&FS’ board include asset monetisation, closure/ liquidation/ winding up, recovery of loans and sale of assets, debt restructuring, settlement of claims and InVIT.

The overall debt resolution across the IL&FS Group is estimated to reach approximately ₹61,000 crore, which aggregates to approximately 61.39 per cent of the total external debt outstanding of ₹99,355 crore, per the report. The Group is at an extremely advanced stage, where resolution of only 105 entities out of the original 302 entities remains, it added.

“Currently there are multiple monetisation proposals that are at advanced stages of approval, including monetisation processes that are currently being conducted which in aggregate would enable resolving substantial part of the remaining targeted debt.

“In fact, the moratorium/stay is required only for 57 entities. Vacation of the stay / moratorium granted vide the order dated 15.10.2018 at this stage would completely derail the progress achieved thus far and stop the ongoing resolution processes of various entities which are also at their final stages,” according to the report.

In the original resolution petition, it was submitted that the IL&FS is significant to financial markets because ₹57,000 crore of the ₹91,000 crore (estimated at the time of the original petition), is from the public sector banks and institutions and that the majority of the capital invested in the company is by public financial institutions like the Life Insurance Corporation of India, State Bank of India, Central Bank of India etc.

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**Major Infra Push For Ganga Rejuvenation: Key Projects Worth Rs 900 Crore By NMCG**

Business Standard,  
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The National Mission for Clean Ganga (NMCG) has approved several infrastructure and development projects worth around Rs 900 crore, aimed at the conservation and rejuvenation of the Ganga River.

These projects, approved at the 61st Executive Committee (EC) Meeting of the NMCG, are in line with the mission's goals of enhancing river cleanliness, promoting sustainable development, and preserving the environmental and cultural heritage of the Ganga, the Ministry of Jal Shakti said in a statement on Wednesday (9 April).

### **Key Approvals:**

- **Moradabad:** The Detailed Project Report related to interception, diversion, STP and other allied works in Moradabad town in Uttar Pradesh Zone-3 and Zone-4 for "Prevention of Pollution in Ramganga River" was approved.

This ambitious project, with an estimated cost of Rs 409.93 crore, aims to make the Ramganga river, a tributary of river Ganga, pollution-free.

Under the project, modern Sewage Treatment Plants with capacities of 15 MLD in Zone-3 and 65 MLD in Zone-4 will be constructed. Along with this, 5 major drains will be intercepted and diverted.

- **Arrah (Bihar):** A project related to the interception, diversion, and construction of a Sewage Treatment Plant (STP), with an estimated cost of Rs 328.29 crore was approved.

Under this project, a state-of-the-art STP with a capacity of 47 MLD will be constructed, along with the establishment of a 19.5 KM long sewer network. This scheme will be based on the Hybrid Annuity Model, which also includes operation and maintenance for 15 years.

- **Kanpur:** A project related to the "Interception and Diversion of 14 Untapped Drains of Kanpur City, Uttar Pradesh" was approved at an estimated cost of Rs 138.11 crore.

Under this project, sewage falling directly into the river from drains will be intercepted and conveyed to treatment plants through proposed sewage pumping stations and manholes. This project will involve the interception of 14 major drains of the city.

- **Delhi (Shahdara Drain):** A major initiative approved in the meeting was a Nature Based Solution project with a focus of Yamuna rejuvenation in Delhi.

The project involves installation of pilot CAMUS-SBT (Continuous Advanced Mite Utilizing System – Soil-Based Treatment) plants for the treatment of liquid pollutants in the Shahdara drain in Delhi, aiming to achieve water quality standards as prescribed by the NGT (National Green Tribunal).

Under this project, CAMUS-SBT plants with capacities of 5 MLD will be installed.

- **Pujali (West Bengal):** Rs 5.96 crore approved for setting up an 8 KLD Integrated Faecal Sludge Treatment Plant to improve local sanitation and reduce pollution in the river.

- **National Capital Region:** Approval granted for the NMCG-IIT Delhi-Dutch Collaboratory (IND-RIVERS) under the India-Netherlands Water Partnership to lead applied research in intelligent river systems and nature-based solutions.
- **Ganga Basin:** Project approved for the study and documentation of the traditional wooden boat-making craft practiced for centuries along the river.
- **Delhi:** Rs 8.64 crore sanctioned to develop DDA Biodiversity Parks as Knowledge cum-Skill Development Centre for National Mission for Clean Ganga.

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## Six-Lane Highway Between Ambala To Panchkula: Haryana Transport Minister Anil Vij Announces Gadkari's Approval

Swarajya,  
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Haryana Transport Minister Anil Vij on Monday (7 April) announced plans for the development of a four or six-lane national highway linking Baldev Nagar in Ambala to Khatoli village near Panchkula.

Reported by Hindustan Times, the proposed road, intended to strengthen direct connectivity between the two cities, is part of a wider strategy to enhance transport networks in the state.

The minister stated that he had written to Union Minister of Road Transport and Highways Nitin Gadkari requesting the development of this crucial corridor. Following his appeal, Gadkari directed officials to initiate work on the highway projects.

The minister elaborated that the proposal involves upgrading the existing NH-72 from Baldev Nagar to Handsera and developing a greenfield alignment to connect NH-44 with NH-344 near Khatoli village.

The highway will not only enhance Haryana's connectivity but also improve links with neighbouring Punjab, Himachal Pradesh, and Chandigarh, according to him.

Highlighting the economic impact, it was said by Vij that local commerce, trade, tourism, and related industries would be boosted and employment opportunities would be created through the construction of this highway.

In a parallel development, Vij also announced the construction of a four-lane road along the Ambala-Saha corridor.

This route, extending from Indira Chowk to GT Road near the Jaggi City Centre, lies in proximity to Ambala's upcoming domestic airport and is expected to play a crucial role in improving access to the aviation hub.

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## Pune: Feasibility Study Underway For 20-Km Yerawada-Katraj Double-Decker Twin Tunnel

PTI,  
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The Pune Metropolitan Region Development Authority (PMRDA) has undertaken a study for a 20-km double-decker twin tunnel from Yerawada to Katraj, aimed at diverting traffic away from Pune's most congested zones, Indian Express reported.

To tackle the worsening traffic in Pune, one of India's most congested cities, PMC, PCMC, PMRDA, the district administration, and traffic police have taken some immediate steps and are simultaneously working on long-term steps.

A PMRDA official said the tunnel will bypass city traffic by rerouting vehicles headed to other parts of Pune.

"This will would decongest existing city roads which cannot be widened and take loads of traffic," the official was quoted as saying by IE.

The official said the tunnel will feature various escape routes, allowing vehicles to enter and exit based on their specific destinations.

Traffic from Nagar Road, Alandi Road, and Nashik Road will use the tunnel to travel across the city towards Bangalore or southern Maharashtra, he said.

Scheduled for completion in three months, the study will cover include a feasibility report, geotechnical survey, the economic and financial viability of the project and a detailed feasibility report.

According to the official, traffic surveys and analysis will be done, environmental impact assessment, social impact assessment, and land acquisition plan will be prepared.

Further, public consultation with nearby residents, NGOs working in the area, and other stakeholders will also be done.

Traffic demand estimates, topographic surveys, hydrology studies, and assessment of challenges related to tunnel boring will also be conducted.

In addition, assessment of impact on existing infrastructure, and safety and environmental risks will also be examine.

The analysis will explore potential toll fees for users and evaluate the project's viability under different public-private partnership (PPP) models.

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PM Modi To Launch Infrastructure And Development Project Worth Over Rs 3,880 Crore In Varanasi Tomorrow  
Swarajya,

April 11, 2025

Prime Minister Narendra Modi is set to visit his Lok Sabha constituency, Varanasi on 11 April, where he will unveil and lay the foundation stone for development projects worth Rs 3884 crore.

After landing at Lal Bahadur Shastri International Airport at 10 am, the Prime Minister will proceed directly to Mehdiganj Gram Panchayat for a public meeting.

BJP Kashi Zone President Dilip Patel was quoted as saying by ANI, “The Prime Minister of India and the famous Parliamentarian of Varanasi, the Honorable Prime Minister, is arriving in his Lok Sabha Constituency this time for the 50th time.”

PM Modi is expected to address a crowd of over 50,000, with attendees drawn from across the 33 BJP mandals of the district. His speech is anticipated at around 12.30 pm.

A key highlight of the Rs 3884 crore initiative is the construction of a six-lane tunnel on National Highway-31 under the Babatpur Airport expansion plan, valued at Rs 652.64 crore.

Of this, Rs 325 crore will be allocated solely to the tunnel.

Ten hectares of land have already been acquired, enabling the airport to support simultaneous take-offs and landings, increasing its daily capacity to 110 flights.

Patel elaborated, “The key project under the Rs 3884 crore initiative includes a major underpass tunnel on NH-31, worth about Rs 6500 crore. Other projects include the development of an airport area, a water mission, a government degree college, a polytechnic college, a hockey stadium, a police transit hostel, and barracks at Ram Nagar Police Line, along with road widening and a flyover in Maruwadi. The Prime Minister will provide blessings and solutions for these pressing issues during his visit.”

Among the civic upgrades, 11 parks including those in Ashok Nagar, Mahadev Nagar and Birdopur will be rejuvenated.

Thirty-five new public artworks symbolising Varanasi’s rich cultural heritage, such as Kathak dancers and Nandi statues, will be installed across major intersections.

PM Modi will also launch a Rs 12 crore transport city project in Mohansarai, featuring facilities like truck parking, warehousing, restaurants, and CCTV-equipped dormitories for drivers.

Additionally, a Rs 6.15 crore mini stadium in Shivpur will offer youth facilities for cricket, hockey, football, and yoga.

A major boost comes via Rs 345.12 crore under the Jal Jeevan Mission for 130 rural drinking water schemes, along with over Rs 1000 crore for a 400 kV power substation and transmission lines.

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**Rs 1,332 Crore Tirupati-Pakala-Katpadi Rail Line Doubling Project Gets Union Cabinet Nod—All About It**  
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The Cabinet Committee on Economic Affairs, chaired by Prime Minister Shri Narendra Modi, on Wednesday (9 April) approved the doubling of the Tirupati–Pakala–Katpadi single railway line, spanning 104 km across Andhra Pradesh and Tamil Nadu.

The project, estimated to cost around Rs 1,332 crore, is poised to ease congestion and streamline operations along one of the busiest corridors in the Indian Railways network.

“The multi-tracking proposal will ease operations and reduce congestion, providing the much-required infrastructural development on the busiest sections across Indian Railways,” the Ministry of Railways stated.

Aligned with the vision of PM Gati Shakti National Master Plan for multi-modal connectivity, the project will provide seamless connectivity for movement of people, goods and services.

The project covering three Districts in two states — Andhra Pradesh and Tamil Nadu — will increase the existing network of Indian Railways by about 113 Km.

Along with connectivity to Tirumala Venkateswara Temple, the project section also provides rail connectivity to other prominent destinations such as Sri Kalahasti Shiva Temple, Kanipakam Vinayaka Temple, Chandragiri Fort, etc. attracting pilgrims and tourists from across the country.

The project will benefit nearly 400 villages and a population of about 14 lakh.

“This is an essential route for transportation of commodities such as coal, agricultural commodities, cement and other minerals etc. The capacity augmentation work will result in additional freight traffic of magnitude 4 MTPA (Million Tonnes Per Annum),” the ministry stated.

The project will also benefit the environment with reduced oil import (4 Crore Litres) and lowered CO2 emissions (20 Crore Kg) which is equivalent to plantation of one crore trees.

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## 1,400 Km Road Upgrade In Delhi Within Two Years: PWD Begins Repairs On 250 Km, Sets Year-End Target Of 600 Km

The Hindu,  
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### ***Road in Delhi***

The Delhi Public Works Department (PWD) has unveiled an ambitious plan to recarpet and restrengthen 1,400 km of arterial roads in Delhi over the next two years, with over Rs 3,000 crore allocated for this year alone, Hindustan Times reported.

“We have already made provisions in the budget this year of over Rs 3,000 crore to revamp over 400 km of roads this year. However, we plan to stretch it by another 200 km and ensure that around 600 km are covered this year, while the rest will be taken up next year,” Delhi PWD minister Parvesh Verma said at a press conference.

The minister stressed that contractors will be held accountable post-construction.

Once a road stretch is redeveloped, the contractor will be accountable for its upkeep for a period of five years, during which any potholes that emerge must be repaired at no additional cost for at least the first two-and-a-half years.

PWD officials noted that repair work has already commenced on 250 km of major roads including Ring Road, Outer Ring Road, Vikas Marg, Noida Link Road, Rani Jhansi Marg, Boulevard Road, Mehrauli Mahipalpur Road, Mehrauli Badarpur Road, Ravi Das Marg, Guru Govalkar Marg, and Kanjhawala road, with completion expected before July.

The remaining 400 km is scheduled for completion by year end.

Highlighting challenges, officials said only three to four months a year are conducive for road construction due to pollution curbs and weather constraints.

“Road work practically begins only in March... but is stopped multiple times due to high pollution levels and implementation of Grap,” an official explained.

Repair work is further complicated by night-only access for heavy vehicles, traffic restrictions, and VIP route limitations. Still, the department aims to complete repairs on 7,000 potholes and over 200,000 square metres of patchwork by the end of April.

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