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## CONSTRUCTION INFRASTRUCTURE UPDATES

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Infra projects see cost overrun of Rs 5.61 lakh crore in March  
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### **Synopsis**

*As of March 2026, the landscape of central sector infrastructure is marked by significant challenges, with projects exceeding Rs 150 crore collectively suffering a cost overrun of Rs 5.61 lakh crore. The total revised budget for 1,941 ongoing projects has ballooned to Rs 41.50 lakh crore, against an expenditure of Rs 19.93 lakh crore so far.*

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Infrastructure projects worth above Rs 150 crore each registered a cumulative cost overrun of Rs 5.61 lakh crore, according to a monthly government report for March.

The latest 'Flash Report on Central Sector Infrastructure Projects' showed that the revised cost of all 1,941 projects, each valued at Rs 150 crore or higher, monitored by the statistics ministry, stood at Rs 41,50,159 crore compared to their original cost of Rs 35,88,861 crore.

The report did not specify the actual number of projects that are facing cost overrun.

The Ministry of Statistics and Programme Implementation (MoSPI), in a press release on Friday, stated that as of March 2026, 1,941 ongoing infrastructure projects, with a total revised cost of Rs 41.50 lakh crore, are being monitored across 17 central ministries/departments.

The cumulative expenditure incurred on these projects stands at Rs 19.93 lakh crore, accounting for approximately 48.02 per cent of the revised project cost, indicating steady progress in project implementation.

A significant proportion of projects are at advanced stages, with 777 projects (40 per cent) achieving over 80 per cent physical progress, while 261 (13 per cent) have crossed 80 per cent financial completion.

The data also reflects a balanced pipeline, with projects distributed across early and advanced stages of implementation.

The transport & logistics sector accounts for the highest number of ongoing projects (1,428) with revised estimates of Rs 22.66 lakh crore, underscoring priority to connectivity-driven infrastructure growth.

The total 1,941 ongoing infrastructure projects include 786 mega projects (of Rs 1,000 crore and above) with an original cost of Rs 30.48 lakh crore, and 1,155 major projects (of below Rs 1,000 crore and up to Rs 150 crore) amounting to Rs 5.41 lakh crore.

Physical and financial progress broadly move in tandem, with a large number of projects clustered at the initial (0-20 per cent) and advanced (81-100 per cent) stages, indicating a pipeline of newly-started projects, alongside many nearing completions.

While physical progress exceeds financial progress in the 81-100 per cent range, financial progress is relatively higher in the early stages, reflecting upfront expenditure patterns in project implementation, it stated.

The Ministry of Road Transport & Highways accounts for the highest number of projects, with 1120 projects (58 per cent), and a share of total revised project cost of Rs 10.61 lakh crore (26 per cent), highlighting its central role in national infrastructure development.

The Ministry of Railways is implementing 244 projects (13 per cent), and also commands the largest share of total revised project cost at Rs 8.37 lakh crore (20 per cent).

The coal ministry accounts for implementing 127 projects (6 per cent), with a total revised project cost of Rs 2.46 lakh crore (6 per cent).

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The Ministry of Petroleum & Natural Gas, the Ministry of Power, the Ministry of Housing & Urban Affairs, and the Department of Water Resources, River Development & Ganga Rejuvenation are implementing 108, 98, 53, and 49 projects, with associated revised costs of Rs 5.11 lakh crore, Rs 5.14 lakh crore, Rs 3.6 lakh crore, and Rs 2.26 lakh crore (6 per cent).

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The remaining 142 projects (7 per cent), with a total revised cost of Rs 3.96 lakh crore (10 per cent), are distributed across various ministries/departments, including higher education, civil aviation, steel, telecommunications, labour & employment, ports, shipping & waterways, health & family welfare, mines, DPIIT, and sports.

Transport and Logistics remains the dominant sector, accounting for 55 per cent of total revised cost (Rs 22.66 lakh crore) across 1,428 projects (73 per cent of the total projects), underscoring the central role of roads & highways, railways, aviation, urban public transport, shipping, and inland waterways in economic integration and logistics efficiency.

The energy sector follows with 26 per cent of aggregated revised cost (Rs 10.79 lakh crore) across 212 projects, reflecting sustained emphasis on oil & gas infrastructure, electricity generation, transmission and distribution networks, and energy storage systems.

Communication infrastructure, with a revised cost of Rs 2.73 lakh crore (7 per cent) across 12 projects, represents targeted interventions aimed at strengthening digital connectivity.

Water & Sanitation projects account for Rs 2.31 lakh crore (5 per cent) across 71 projects, highlighting continued focus on essential urban services.

Social & Commercial infrastructure, comprising 73 projects with a revised cost of Rs 0.79 lakh crore (2 per cent), reflects selective investments in education, health care, real estate, and tourism, hospitality and wellness.

Projects classified under 'Others', amounting to Rs 2.20 lakh crore (5 per cent) across 145 projects, indicate diversification across sectors, such as coal, steel, metals, and mining.

During March 2026, 25 projects were commissioned.

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**Rs 36,230 Crore Ganga Expressway To Be Inaugurated Today By PM Modi,  
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Prime Minister Narendra Modi is set to inaugurate the 594-kilometre Ganga Expressway today (29 April) at Hardoi in Uttar Pradesh, marking one of the most significant infrastructure developments in the state.

The six-lane expressway, built at Rs 36,230 crore, connects 12 districts and reduces travel time between Meerut and Prayagraj to six hours, nearly half the previous journey time of 10 to 12 hours.

The expressway traverses key districts including Meerut, Hapur, Bulandshahr, Amroha, Sambhal, Badaun, Shahjahanpur, Hardoi, Unnao, Raebareli, Pratapgarh and Prayagraj, passing through 12 districts and covering 519 villages.

A significant portion of the project has been developed by the Adani Group, which is handling nearly 80 per cent of the expressway stretch from Badaun to Prayagraj under the public-private partnership model.

A standout feature of the corridor is a 3.5 kilometre emergency landing airstrip in Shahjahanpur district for national security, which was successfully tested by the Indian Air Force in May 2025 with multiple aircraft including Su-30MKI, Mirage 2000 and MiG-29 fighters.

The expressway, expandable from six to eight lanes, represents Uttar Pradesh's longest access-controlled highway.

The project has secured investment proposals worth nearly Rs 47,000 crore from 987 investors across 12 planned industrial nodes along its route.

The Uttar Pradesh government has positioned the expressway as an 'expressway-cum-industrial backbone' with 12 industrial nodes planned along its route, spanning from Meerut in the west to Prayagraj in the east.

Toll collection will commence on 1 May, with toll rates set at approximately Rs 2.55 per kilometre for private cars, making the total toll charges for the entire expressway journey at around Rs 1,515.

The corridor is expected to boost logistics efficiency, agricultural market access and tourism development whilst creating substantial employment opportunities across the region.

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## PM Modi Flags Off New Banaras-Pune And Ayodhya-Mumbai Amrit Bharat Express Trains

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Prime Minister Narendra Modi on Tuesday (28 April) flagged off two new weekly Amrit Bharat Express services, connecting Banaras with Hadapsar in Pune and Ayodhya with Lokmanya Tilak Terminus in Mumbai.

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The new services are aimed at improving affordable travel options for migrant workers, pilgrims, families and regular passengers who frequently travel between the two states.

Railway officials said the trains will also strengthen access to major religious destinations including Kashi Vishwanath Dham and the Ram Mandir in Ayodhya.

“The Banaras-Hadapsar (Pune) service will facilitate easier access to Kashi Vishwanath Dham, while the Ayodhya-Mumbai service will improve connectivity to the Shri Ram Mandir Teerth Kshetra, strengthening links between key religious destinations,” the Railway Ministry said.

The ministry added, “The trains are expected to particularly benefit daily passengers, migrant workers, and pilgrims travelling between Uttar Pradesh and Maharashtra, providing direct connectivity and eliminating the need to change trains.”

The Banaras-Hadapsar Amrit Bharat Express began its inaugural journey from Banaras in the evening and is expected to reach Hadapsar late the following night, covering the trip in around 30 hours.

The route includes key halts such as Prayagraj, Jhansi, Bhopal, Itarsi, Bhusaval, Manmad, Kopargaon and Daund.

The Ayodhya-Mumbai Amrit Bharat Express departed from Ayodhya Cantt in the evening and is scheduled to arrive at Mumbai LTT the next evening, completing the journey in approximately 28 hours.

Important stops include Sultanpur, Pratapgarh, Prayagraj, Satna, Jabalpur, Itarsi, Bhusaval, Nashik Road, Kalyan and Thane.

After the inaugural runs, the ministry is expected to announce the regular timetable for both trains shortly, adding fresh capacity on two high-demand inter-state routes.

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Shivraj Singh Chouhan to launch 330 new road projects costing Rs 3,550 crore in Jammu & Kashmir

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### **Synopsis**

*The Batch-II under the PMGSY-IV will accelerate development in Jammu and Kashmir through the construction of 330 new roads covering 1,600 kilometres at a project cost of Rs 3,550 crore, benefiting 363 habitations across the region, an official spokesman here said.*

Union minister Shivraj Singh Chouhan will launch on Tuesday 330 new road projects covering 1,600 kilometres at a cost of Rs 3,550 crore under the Batch-II of Pradhan Mantri Gram Sadak Yojana (PMGSY).

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"Jammu and Kashmir is set to witness a significant milestone in its development journey tomorrow, as Union Minister for Agriculture and Farmers Welfare and Rural Development will launch Pradhan Mantri Gram Sadak Yojana (PMGSY)-IV, Batch-II at a special programme at SKICC, Srinagar," the spokesman said.

Chief Minister Omar Abdullah and Deputy Chief Minister Surinder Kumar Choudhary are also scheduled to attend the event.

He said that since 2000, Jammu and Kashmir has witnessed the construction of 3,328 roads under PMGSY, creating a road network of 19,851 kilometres along with 257 bridges.

Chouhan said that under the leadership of Prime Minister Narendra Modi, the initiative reflects the government's commitment to moving beyond announcements and delivering tangible development on the ground.

He emphasised that the focus is on ensuring that roads, services and other facilities reach even the remotest villages.

The minister also underlined that infrastructure development is being viewed as a key driver to further integrate Jammu and Kashmir into the national development mainstream.

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