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Construction Of Mumbai–Pune–Bengaluru High-Speed Expressway Underway Says Nitin Gadkari; Travel Time To Reduce To 6 Hours

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Union Minister Nitin Gadkari has confirmed that construction of the high-speed express highway designed to drastically cut travel times between Mumbai, Pune, and Bengaluru is already underway, during a Pune event last week.

"The work has already started. I don't have time to lay the foundation stone," he said.

Once complete, the corridor will allow travel from Mumbai to Pune in around 90 minutes and from Pune to Bengaluru in just five hours.

The Rs 40,000 crore access-controlled greenfield expressway will stretch roughly 700 km, enabling speeds of up to 120 km/h. It will include two emergency airstrips, 55 flyovers, and 22 interchanges, improving safety and connectivity, according to The Free Press Journal.

Beginning at the Atal Tunnel in Mumbai, the route will connect to the Pune Ring Road before extending into Karnataka, passing through 12 districts in Maharashtra and Karnataka.

The project is a key part of the Bharatmala Pariyojna, overseen by the National Highways Authority of India (NHAI). By enhancing the movement of goods and passengers along the Mumbai–Pune–Bengaluru corridor, it is expected to stimulate regional trade, tourism, and economic growth.

In Pune district alone, road and highway works worth Rs 50,000 crore are in progress, contributing to a broader infrastructure investment of Rs 2 lakh crore.

Additional proposals totalling Rs 15,000 crore will soon be initiated, with more of the same value under review. Elevated road corridors in Pune are also planned to tackle congestion, alongside the expansion of Pune airport.

Gadkari acknowledged challenges in land acquisition, but stressed that political resolve and efficient coordination can overcome them.

Drawing from past experience, he recalled how the Mumbai–Pune Expressway was completed by the state at less than half the cost estimated by a private company.

This upcoming expressway will potentially reducing the current Mumbai–Bengaluru journey from 18 hours to just 6 hours.

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DK Shivakumar Seeks Rs 1.5 Lakh Crore Central Push For Mega Infra Overhaul In Bengaluru, Eight Priority Projects Unveiled

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Karnataka's Deputy Chief Minister, DK Shivakumar, has sought Rs 1.5 lakh crore in central funding to address Bengaluru's chronic traffic congestion and the mounting strain on its urban infrastructure.

In a detailed proposal letter submitted to the Prime Minister during his Bengaluru visit, Shivakumar sought urgent central support for eight priority projects designed to decongest arterial roads, modernise public transport, and improve essential services.

The eight priority projects are:

Urban tunnels and elevated corridors on erstwhile National Highways (77.6 km), including underground links from Hosur Road to Bellary Road (NH-7) and KR Puram to Mysore Road (NH-4 & NH-275), plus an elevated expressway on Kanakapura Road.

Peripheral Ring Road (PRR), a 73.04 km, eight-lane bypass to divert heavy vehicles and ease congestion on the ORR.

Metro Phase 3 and 3A expansions, adding 81.65 km, plus five new corridors totalling 128 km to link peripheral and satellite towns – cost under approval.

Double-Decker elevated roads along Metro viaducts on the JP Nagar–Hebbal and Hosahalli–Kadabagere routes.

Integrated solid waste management plants at four corners of Bengaluru Urban District (100 acres each) with composting, recycling, and waste-to-energy facilities.

Roads along stormwater drain (SWD) buffer zones – 300 km to tackle encroachments and add new capacity.

Phase 6 of the Cauvery Water Supply Scheme, adding 500 million litres per day (MLD) by 2028.

A Rapid Rail Transit System consisting of five corridors connecting Bengaluru with Mysuru, Kanakapura, Tumakuru, Chikkaballapur, and Kolar, modelled on the Delhi–Meerut RRTS.

"Contributing substantially to the national GDP and hosting India's largest IT/ITES base, global investments, research institutions, and skilled talent, Bengaluru drives the country's economy and innovation. However, rapid urbanisation has created urgent challenges in mobility, water supply, waste management, drainage, housing, and overall infrastructure," his letter stated.

Shivakumar urged the Centre to allocate "requisite funds... from the central budget...and treat Bangalore at par with Delhi, enabling the city to emerge as a truly global metropolis."

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Punjab's Rs 12,700 Crore Highway Push: Land Acquisition Hurdles, Clearance Delays Derail Key NHAI And PWD Projects

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More than a dozen national highway projects worth around Rs 12,700 crore in Punjab have reportedly been stalled, delayed, or face cancellation, primarily due to persistent land acquisition hurdles and hold-ups in statutory clearances.

In a written reply to Congress MP Sukhjinder Singh Randhawa, Union Minister Nitin Gadkari confirmed that several projects under the National Highways Authority of India (NHAI) and Punjab Public Works Department (PWD) have been significantly disrupted.

Key stretches of the Delhi–Amritsar–Katra expressway are among the affected NHAI projects.

The Amritsar connectivity Spur II (Rs 2,197 crore, 30.05 km) was terminated entirely due to “non-availability of land,” with fresh bids to be issued after possession.

Spur III (Rs 1,951 crore, 28.1 km) remains under construction but will be completed over two years late, now targeting November 2026.

The Amritsar–Bathinda Package I (Rs 1,229 crore, 39 km) and Amritsar–Ghoman–Tanda–Una Package I (Rs 1,443 crore, 45.73 km) have both been pushed back to 2026.

Package II of the latter (Rs 818 crore, 31.05 km) has been scrapped due to land unavailability.

Projects in Ludhiana–Rupnagar corridor have also run into trouble.

Package I (Rs 1,368 crore, 37.7 km) has seen the contractor demobilise due to delayed land handover, while Package II (Rs 1,488 crore, 47.24 km) was terminated for the same reason.

Punjab PWD’s own portfolio, worth Rs 1,800 crore, is also affected.

The Jalandhar–Hoshiarpur NH-3 four-laning (Rs 1,069 crore) is under termination, and the Jakhal bypass (Rs 50 crore) is being abandoned after negligible land transfer.

Other works, like the Makhu–Arifke NH-703A section with two road overbridges (Rs 192 crore) and the NH-354 upgrade from Arifke to Ferozepur–Muktsar–Malout (Rs 263 crore), have been delayed by both acquisition problems and no-objection certificate delays from the irrigation department.

The ministry stated that “projects in the state of Punjab are mainly delayed/stalled/terminated due to the issues relating to land acquisition and delay in obtaining statutory clearances” but assured that efforts, in coordination with the Punjab government, are underway to resolve obstacles and restart stalled works.

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Gurugram: 14-km Road Stretch From Iffco Chowk To Dwarka Expressway To Be Upgraded To Ease Traffic Congestion

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The Gurugram Metropolitan Development Authority (GMDA) has announced it will reconstruct a 14-km stretch from Iffco Chowk to the Dwarka Expressway via Basai Road, aiming to ease congestion in Old Gurugram, reported Hindustan Times.

The project will involve relaying the road surface, widening key sections, and clearing illegal encroachments.

Officials have already completed a comprehensive survey and traffic analysis.

“This stretch is in the heart of Old Gurugram and it has been decided to upgrade it. We have decided to relay the road and build surface drain along the entire stretch,” a senior GMDA official was quoted as saying by HT.

The congested stretch begins at Iffco Chowk in Sukhrali Village, passes Mahavir Chowk near Sadar Bazar, the Gurudwara Road, Bhuteshwar Mandir intersection, the Basai Road corridor, and extends to the Basai flyover leading to Dwarka Expressway.

Earlier plans to expand the road and add flyovers were abandoned due to space constraints.

Instead, GMDA will improve the existing alignment and add a surface drainage system to prevent waterlogging.

A consultant will prepare a detailed cost estimate within a month.

Once approved, the upgrade will extend from Basai to Bhuteshwar Mandir, continue to Jail Land, and connect Mahavir Chowk with MG Road, ending at Iffco Chowk.

“Once completed, the project will help commuters move with ease and improve connectivity with Dwarka expressway,” the official added. GMDA expects the reconstruction to significantly improve travel conditions and reduce traffic bottlenecks along this vital urban artery.

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