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PM GatiShakti Evaluates 396 Infrastructure Projects Worth Rs 18.66 Lakh Crore; 198 Already Under Implementation

Swarajya,
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India's infrastructure planning pipeline under the PM GatiShakti initiative has expanded to 396 projects worth an estimated Rs 18.66 lakh crore, with 256 already sanctioned and 198 currently under implementation, according to government data.

The projects, spanning sectors including roads and railways, have been evaluated through the Network Planning Group (NPG), the mechanism established under PM GatiShakti to examine major infrastructure and connectivity proposals.

Launched on 13 October, 2021, the initiative aims to improve coordination between ministries and support integrated infrastructure planning. Logistics and connectivity projects involving investments of more than Rs 500 crore are routed through the NPG mechanism for evaluation.

"As on date, 396 infrastructure projects with total estimated cost of about Rs 18.66 lakh crore have been evaluated through the NPG mechanism. Of these, 396 projects, 256 projects have been sanctioned -- out of which, 198 projects are under implementation," the government data showed.

The programme is intended to improve multimodal connectivity and reduce logistics costs by encouraging better coordination between different modes of transport and infrastructure sectors.

Prime Minister Narendra Modi also highlighted the importance of the initiative in his Independence Day address from the Red Fort on August 15, saying that under Gati Shakti, "we must focus on seamless and fast connectivity across the country".

So far, 58 central ministries and all 36 states and Union Territories have been integrated with the PM GatiShakti National Master Plan, covering infrastructure sectors such as roads,

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railways, ports and waterways, power, petroleum and natural gas, civil aviation, telecommunications and industrial corridors.

The government also launched the PM GatiShakti public platform in September 2025, allowing private organisations and the public to access the platform's data analytics.

According to the statement, users can obtain analytical reports through a simple query-based system on the PMGS-NMP portal to support infrastructure and project planning.

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Centre Approves Rs 1,419 Crore Detailed Estimate For Qadian-Beas Railway Line In Punjab's Majha Region

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The Centre has approved a detailed estimate of Rs 1,419. 05 crore for the new 39.68 km Qadian-Beas broad gauge railway line in Punjab, BJP leader and former Union minister of state for Railways, Ravneet Singh Bittu, announced on Sunday (16 August).

The project would connect Qadian in Gurdaspur district with Beas in Amritsar district through a 39.68 km broad-gauge corridor, marking a major breakthrough for the Majha region after nearly a century of delays.

Describing it as a major milestone for Punjab and a historic development for the Majha region, Bittu expressed his gratitude to Prime Minister Narendra Modi, Railway Minister Ashwini Vaishnaw and the Railway Board for taking the long-pending project forward.

The Centre had formally revived the project in June 2026 at an estimated cost of around Rs 1,400 crore, with the latest Railway Board sanction placing the detailed estimate at Rs 1,419 crore.

The project envisages the development of state-of-the-art railway infrastructure, including two crossing stations at Ghuman and Butala, eleven major bridges and 121 minor bridges, fifty-four Road Under Bridges (RUBs), modern signalling and telecommunication systems and deployment of Kavach, India's indigenous train collision avoidance system.

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The project will be executed by Northern Railway, bringing several areas of the Majha belt onto the railway network.

The project was first approved during 1928–29 by the then North-Western Railway, and construction work had progressed substantially by the early 1930s.

However, changing circumstances and subsequent planning priorities led to its discontinuation.

Recognising its strategic and developmental significance, the project was revived under the Socially Desirable Rail Connectivity Programme and included in the supplementary Railway Budget 2010–11.

Bittu emphasised his personal involvement in pushing for the project's defreezing during his tenure as Union minister.

The proposed alignment will pass through the important towns and villages of Qadian, Dhapai, Ghuman, Butala, Sathiala and Beas.

The railway line also holds strategic significance as an alternative corridor for the vital Amritsar–Pathankot section.

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Kalpataru Projects bags new orders of ₹3,526 cr
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KPIL secures an EPC order for an industrial plant, Power T&D business and residential building orders in India.

Kalpataru Projects International (KPIL), an engineering and construction player in the power and infrastructure sector, has secured new orders and received notification of awards of about ₹3,526 crore.

The new order wins include, an EPC order for an industrial plant, orders in the Power Transmission & Distribution (T&D) business and residential building orders in India.

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Manish Mohnot, MD and CEO, KPIL, said, “We are delighted with the strong order momentum in our T&D and B&F businesses. These wins include significant order in the domestic T&D market, which further strengthens our presence in the high growth India T&D India. Additionally, our B&F business has enhanced its capabilities by securing a significant EPC order for an industrial plant from a prestigious Indian client along with repeat orders in the residential buildings space with reputed developers. With these additions, our year-to-date order intake for FY27 has crossed ₹11,000 crore, which will meaningfully contribute to our future growth.”

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Railway Minister Ashwini Vaishnaw Orders Enhanced Monitoring Of Vulnerable Odisha Rail Sections Amid Heavy Rain

PTI,

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Railway Minister Ashwini Vaishnaw has directed the South Eastern Railway (SER) to strengthen surveillance and preparedness along vulnerable railway sections in Odisha as heavy rainfall raises concerns over waterlogging and possible disruption to train services.

Times of India reported that during a review meeting, Vaishnaw asked railway officials to closely monitor stretches susceptible to flooding and ensure that necessary resources are available for an immediate response.

Special attention has been directed towards the Rupsa-Baripada-Bangriposi and Rourkela-Bondamunda sections.

Authorities have been asked to deploy additional personnel and maintain heightened supervision in these areas, where adverse weather conditions could affect track safety and train movement.

Railway teams will monitor water levels, the condition of tracks and embankments, particularly at locations considered vulnerable during periods of intense rainfall. Preventive measures are also being stepped up to reduce the risk of service disruptions.

The directions come as several parts of Odisha continue to receive heavy rainfall, increasing the possibility of water accumulation and damage to railway infrastructure.

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The ministry has emphasised the need for continuous monitoring so that any deterioration in track or embankment conditions can be identified and addressed quickly.

Emergency equipment and response resources are also being kept on standby. Officials have been instructed to remain prepared for immediate intervention if rainfall intensifies or conditions worsen at any location.

The focus of the review was to maintain safe train operations while minimising weather-related interruptions across the affected parts of the railway network.

Passenger safety has been placed at the centre of the preparedness measures, with railway authorities expected to maintain close coordination and take preventive action wherever required.

The enhanced monitoring will continue as weather conditions evolve, with particular attention being given to vulnerable sections and locations prone to waterlogging during heavy rain.

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IT Ministry Approves 31 Electronics Component Projects Worth Rs 7,877 Crore Across 10 States Under ECMS

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Electronics Components Manufacturing Scheme (Representative Image)

The Ministry of Electronics and Information Technology has approved 31 fresh proposals under the Electronics Components Manufacturing Scheme, involving investments of Rs 7,877 crore, IT Secretary S Krishnan announced on Monday (17 August).

The projects span 10 states and are expected to generate production worth Rs 82,243 crore whilst creating nearly 10,000 jobs.

The approved proposals include those from GX Group, Centum Electronics, Ennovi Mobility Solutions, Globe Capacitors, Syrma SGS Technology, Rosenberger Interconnect, Sensata Technologies, and Britannia RFID Technologies, amongst others.

The latest approvals cover a broad range of components including camera and display modules, anode materials, enclosures, connectors, rare-earth permanent magnets, optical transceivers, speakers, microphones, relays, capacitors and metal shielding covers.

With these approvals, the government has now cleared 106 applications covering around 30 product categories across 15 states under the ECMS.

The cumulative investment represented by approved projects has reached Rs 69,548 crore, exceeding the scheme's original investment target of Rs 59,350 crore. Expected production has reached Rs 5,34,101 crore.

The ECMS was notified in April 2025 with an initial outlay of Rs 22,919 crore, which the Union Budget 2026-27 raised to Rs 40,000 crore.

India has set a target of building a \$500 billion domestic electronics manufacturing ecosystem by 2030-31.

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