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India's 1,775 Central Infrastructure Projects Face Rs 3.4 Lakh Crore Cost Overrun

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A monthly report released by MoSPI reviewed 1,775 projects costing Rs 150 crore or more across 17 Central ministries and departments.

India's ongoing infrastructure projects under the Centre recorded a cumulative cost overrun of around Rs 3,40,504 crore by July 2026, highlighting the financial impact of changes in project costs across major sectors.

A monthly report released by the Ministry of Statistics and Programme Implementation (MoSPI) reviewed 1,775 projects costing Rs 150 crore or more across 17 Central ministries and departments.

Their combined original cost of Rs 33,70,138 crore has risen to Rs 37,10,642 crore.

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The report did not provide the number of individual projects that exceeded their original estimates.

Projects had received cumulative expenditure of Rs 19.26 lakh crore, equivalent to 51.91 per cent of the revised cost.

Progress data showed that 675 projects, or 38 per cent of the total, had achieved more than 80 per cent physical completion. Another 305 projects, or 17 per cent, had crossed 80 per cent financial completion.

Transport and logistics accounted for the largest share of the infrastructure pipeline, with 1,246 projects and a revised cost of Rs 19.81 lakh crore.

The sector represented 70 per cent of the projects and 53 per cent of their combined revised cost.

The Energy sector was the second-largest segment, covering 205 projects with a revised cost of Rs 10.66 lakh crore, or 29 per cent of the total.

The Ministry of Road Transport and Highways had the highest number of projects at 993, accounting for 56 per cent of the total, with a revised cost of Rs 9.62 lakh crore.

The Railways followed with 190 projects worth Rs 6.38 lakh crore, while the Coal Ministry had 121 projects with a revised cost of Rs 2.22 lakh crore.

The monitored portfolio also included projects in communication, water and sanitation, social and commercial infrastructure, coal, steel and mining.

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India's Mega Infrastructure Push: PM Modi Reviews Six Key Projects Worth Over Rs 30,000 Crore During PRAGATI Meeting
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Prime Minister Narendra Modi yesterday (25 August) chaired the 53rd meeting of PRAGATI, the ICT-enabled platform for Pro-Active Governance and Timely Implementation (PRAGATI), at Seva Teerth.

The session reviewed six key infrastructure projects across the railway, road and power sectors, spanning nine states with a cumulative cost of more than Rs 30,000 crore.

The projects, aimed at strengthening connectivity, supporting industrial and economic activity and improving public services, were assessed with emphasis on adherence to timelines, inter-agency coordination and resolution of pending issues.

PM Modi called for continuous reforms across all stages in the execution of infrastructure projects, urging ministries and states to adopt an end-to-end approach and a proactive work culture to ensure timely project delivery.

The Prime Minister emphasised that delays in infrastructure projects have consequences beyond cost escalation, as they also postpone the benefits intended for citizens, businesses and the economy.

He noted that infrastructure projects should be viewed and monitored as an integrated whole, rather than as isolated sections, stretches or packages, with progress in individual packages ultimately translating into timely completion and operationalisation of the entire project.

The Prime Minister said that speed of execution must be accompanied by uncompromising quality. He called upon Ministries, States and implementing agencies to adopt modern technologies and strengthen quality assurance and supervision at every stage.

During the meeting, PM Modi also took stock of cyber fraud cases, including incidents of digital arrest.

He stressed the need for continuous and targeted public-awareness campaigns, particularly for senior citizens, youth and other vulnerable sections, to familiarise them with common fraud techniques, warning signs and safe digital practices.

The Prime Minister called for regular capacity-building of personnel involved so that emerging modes of cyber fraud are identified and acted upon swiftly.

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PRAGATI, launched in March 2015, facilitates direct interaction between the Prime Minister, Union Government ministries and state governments to monitor major infrastructure projects and flagship programmes.

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UP Clears Ganga Expressway Extension, Jhansi Link And New Industrial Projects In Rs 24,000 Crore Push

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The Uttar Pradesh Cabinet has approved infrastructure and industrial investment proposals worth more than Rs 24,000 crore, clearing major expressway projects, a new manufacturing and logistics cluster in Sultanpur, and incentives for 11 large industrial ventures across the state.

The decisions include a Rs 10,761 crore extension of the Ganga Expressway towards Haridwar and the Rs 7,968.30 crore Jhansi Link Expressway.

A detailed project report will now be prepared for the proposed Ganga Expressway extension, which is planned as a six-lane greenfield corridor with provision for future expansion to eight lanes.

It would also create an access-controlled connection between Prayagraj and Haridwar, two major Ganga-side Kumbh cities.

The Cabinet also approved the Rs 272.25 crore development of an Integrated Manufacturing and Logistics Cluster near the Purvanchal Expressway in Sultanpur.

The project will be funded by the state government, with a global tender to be issued for selecting the construction agency.

Meanwhile, the Jhansi Link Expressway is intended to improve connectivity to the Bundelkhand Industrial Development Authority region and the defence corridor around Jhansi.

In addition, incentives were approved for 11 industrial projects involving combined investments of more than Rs 5,500 crore.

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The projects span several districts and include proposed investments by Canpack India, Agristo Masa and Supreme Industries.

Canpack India plans to invest Rs 1,573.62 crore in an aluminium beverage can manufacturing facility in Unnao, while Agristo Masa is set to expand its potato processing operations in Bijnor.

Supreme Industries will establish a value-added plastic building solutions unit in Kanpur Dehat.

Finance Minister Suresh Khanna noted that the proposed Jhansi Link Expressway would support the BIDA region and the defence corridor, while the Sultanpur IMLC would benefit from its proximity to the Purvanchal Expressway.

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Andhra Pradesh Taps Urban Challenge Fund For Rs 19,900 Crore
Infrastructure Upgrade Across 123 Municipalities
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Andhra Pradesh CM Chandrababu Naidu (Pic Via X)

The Andhra Pradesh government is stepping up infrastructure development across all 123 municipalities, with nearly Rs 19,900 crore earmarked for drinking water, underground drainage and road projects as part of a wider effort to improve basic urban services.

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Municipal Administration and Urban Development Minister P Narayana said the government was prioritising essential facilities, including water supply, roads, drains, streetlights and underground drainage systems.

Speaking after a review meeting at the VMRDA office in Visakhapatnam, Narayana said underground drainage works worth Rs 4,200 crore were being taken up under the Urban Challenge Fund.

A further Rs 10,200 crore has been allocated for water supply pipelines through the AMRUT scheme and other programmes aimed at improving access to safe drinking water.

The state has also sanctioned Rs 5,500 crore for the construction and repair of municipal roads.

In the Visakhapatnam Metropolitan Region Development Authority area, Rs 269 crore has been earmarked for underground drainage and drainage-related works in several municipalities.

Vizianagaram has received the largest allocation of Rs 194 crore, followed by Narsipatnam with Rs 27 crore. Yelamanchili and Nellimarla have each been allotted Rs 24 crore.

An additional Rs 139 crore has been proposed for road development works in the region.

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Tamil Nadu Drops Parandur Airport Plan, CM Vijay Announces Chennai Airport Terminal 5 And Alternative Sites For New Airport
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Tamil Nadu Chief Minister Joseph Vijay has announced that the proposed greenfield airport at Parandur will be dropped, with the state government set to identify alternative locations for Chennai's second airport.

Making a statement in the Tamil Nadu Assembly on Monday (23 August), Vijay said the government had identified a few possible sites for a new airport after consulting experts.

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In the meantime, the state government plans to develop Terminal 5 at Chennai's existing airport in Meenambakkam in collaboration with the Airports Authority of India.

The project will also include a new approach road and a flyover in the airport's north-western area.

Chennai airport currently handles around 30 million passengers annually. Its capacity is expected to rise to 35 million passengers a year after the completion of Terminal 3.

Vijay said the proposed Terminal 5 would further increase the airport's annual passenger handling capacity to 55 million.

The Chief Minister acknowledged the importance of airport infrastructure for industrial growth but defended the decision to abandon the Parandur proposal, citing concerns over its potential impact on farmland and settlements.

The announcement also triggered protests in the Assembly, with DMK members walking out after the Speaker declined to permit a discussion on the statement made under Rule 110.

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Ministry Of Highways Permits Nagaland To Use State Law For National Highway 202 Land Acquisition

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The breakthrough comes after prolonged disagreements over whether the National Highways Act, 1956, or Nagaland's 1965 state legislation should govern the land acquisition process.

The Union government has allowed Nagaland to undertake land acquisition under the Nagaland Land (Requisition and Acquisition) Act, 1965, for the widening of National Highway 202, removing a key hurdle for the road project.

Deputy Chief Minister TR Zeliang confirmed the decision as an interim measure following a meeting with senior Ministry of Road Transport and Highways officials in New Delhi on 19 August.

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The breakthrough comes after prolonged disagreements over whether the National Highways Act, 1956, or Nagaland's 1965 state legislation should govern the acquisition process.

The state government had expressed reservations about using central legislation, citing constitutional safeguards provided under Article 371(A), which grants special provisions to Nagaland regarding land ownership and transfer.

The 460 km National Highway 202 links Mokokchung to Imphal, passing through Tuensang, Shamator, Kiphire and Meluri districts in eastern Nagaland.

The proposed widening project, valued at Rs 3,119 crore, aims to upgrade the existing single-lane highway to a two-lane road. During the New Delhi discussions, officials also reviewed proposals for widening NH-329A, NH-702A and the Foothill Road.

Land acquisition has been identified as a significant challenge for national highway development in Nagaland, with the unique land-holding system and rights enshrined in Article 371(A) complicating negotiations.

The Ministry of Road Transport and Highways had previously maintained that the acquisition process should be carried out under the National Highways Act, 1956, creating delays for multiple projects across the state.

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