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Rajkot–Jetpur Six-Lane Highway Faces Fresh Delays As Only Half The Project Nears Completion: Report

Swarajya,
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The Rajkot–Jetpur six-lane highway continues to test the patience of commuters, with construction progressing at a sluggish pace despite repeated deadline extensions, penalties and official interventions.

As per a Dainik Bhaskar report, nearly three years after work began, only about half of the 67 km stretch has been completed, raising doubts over whether the latest completion target of January 2027 can be met.

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The Rs 1,204 crore project was launched in August 2022 and was initially scheduled to be completed by June 2024. This deadline was later pushed to September 2025, which was also missed.

The revised timeline now points to early 2027, even as daily traffic congestion and safety concerns persist for nearly 2.5 lakh commuters who use the corridor.

According to the National Highways Authority of India (NHAI), construction stood at 52 per cent as of the end of December 2025.

Eight bridges have been completed so far, with five more expected to open in February. However, work is still under way on 24 bridges, highlighting the scale of unfinished construction.

NHAI officials maintain that the full highway will be operational by January 2027. In the coming months, several bridges along the Gondal bypass and nearby stretches are expected to be opened in phases to ease traffic movement.

One of the principal reasons cited for the prolonged delay is the Bhadar Yojana water pipeline laid by the Rajkot Municipal Corporation.

Delays in relocating the pipeline have left key sections of the highway obstructed, particularly along the Aji–Khokhadad stretch, where six-lane construction remains stalled. Officials estimate that shifting the pipelines alone could take up to a year.

Despite directions from senior political and administrative leaders to expedite the work, progress has remained uneven. Motorists continue to receive a 25 per cent toll concession.

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New Flyover Proposed On Outer Ring Road To Cut Travel Time Across North-West Delhi

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Delhi's Public Works Department has announced plans to construct a new flyover on the Outer Ring Road to tackle chronic traffic congestion across several parts of north-west Delhi.

PWD Minister Parvesh Sahib Singh Verma revealed the plan on Saturday (24 January), emphasising the project's potential to bring direct relief to thousands of daily commuters.

The proposed flyover will connect the Supplementary Drain near Keshopur Depot to Haiderpur.

The department has initiated consultancy services for a detailed feasibility study to assess traffic volume, engineering design, environmental impact and long-term sustainability.

Areas expected to benefit include Keshopur, Haiderpur, Punjabi Bagh, Pitampura, Shalimar Bagh, Rohini and adjoining localities which currently witness severe congestion during peak hours.

Verma emphasised that the government is ending the era of incomplete projects.

Every major infrastructure work on the Outer Ring Road will now be based on technical strength, transparency and strict timelines to deliver durable solutions rather than temporary fixe, he added.

The feasibility study will ensure the proposed flyover addresses all critical choke points and aligns with Delhi's long-term traffic management and urban development goals.

The Outer Ring Road remains one of the Capital's busiest arterial routes, carrying heavy traffic loads throughout the day.

The new flyover forms part of Delhi's broader infrastructure modernisation initiative, which includes several other flyover projects across the city.

The PWD has approved consultancy services worth several crores to conduct comprehensive studies before construction begins.

Once completed, the infrastructure project is expected to significantly reduce travel time for commuters from north-west Delhi and surrounding areas.

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Tamil Nadu Government Plans To Submit Tender Papers For Parandur Airport Project To Centre By March: Report

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The Tamil Nadu government is preparing to take the next formal step towards building the proposed greenfield airport at Parandur near Chennai, with plans to submit the project's tender documents to the Ministry of Civil Aviation (MoCA) by March, according to a report by The Hindu.

Work on the tender paperwork is nearing completion, with only a few components still being finalised.

These are expected to be resolved by February, paving the way for the documents to be forwarded to the Centre the following month. The State is likely to invite bids for the Rs 27,400 crore project only after the Assembly election process concludes.

When the Union Ministry granted in-principle approval to the airport in April last year, it had made clear that all tender-related documents must be vetted before the bidding stage.

"Concession agreement, RFP [Request for Proposal] and other documents related to PPP to be shared with the MoCA for consideration before issuing tender, wherein concessions or

clauses pertaining to the Gol be highlighted," the Union government's high-level committee had said at the time.

A source quoted in the report said, "The MoCA is likely to take two to three months to vet the tender and other documents. By the time it sends them back, the election process will be over. After the Model Code of Conduct is lifted, we will issue the tender."

Parallel to this, the State government is also working to complete the remaining statutory requirements for environmental clearance.

While most surveys and studies mandated by the Expert Appraisal Committee have been completed, the social impact assessment is still pending.

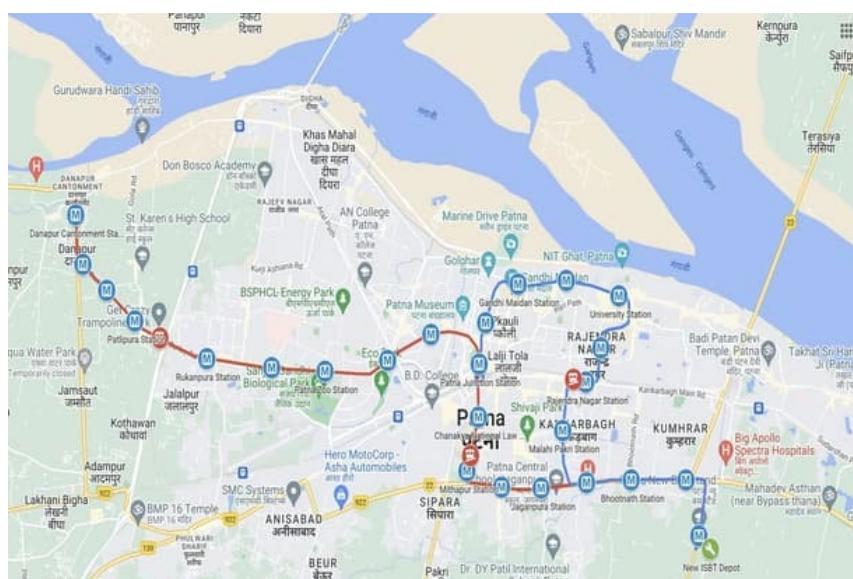
Data collection from Ekanapuram village, where part of the project site is located, is expected to resume after the elections.

So far, around 1,650 acres have been acquired for the airport. The project will span 5,746.18 acres in total, comprising 3,774.01 acres of patta land and 1,972.17 acres of government land, in Kancheepuram district.

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Patna Metro Corridor-2 Tunnelling Work Begins Between PMCH And Gandhi Maidan

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Alignment of Patna Metro

Work on Patna Metro's Corridor-2 has moved into a critical stage with the start of tunnelling between PMCH station and Gandhi Maidan.

According to local news reports, the first tunnel boring machine (TBM) has already begun excavation and completed around 20 metres, while preparations are in place to deploy a second machine to accelerate progress along the stretch. The second TBM is expected to become operational within days.

The underground route will eventually run from Moin-ul-Haq Stadium through key locations including Patna University, PMCH, Gandhi Maidan and Akashvani, before terminating at Patna Junction.

Authorities consider this segment the backbone of the Patna Metro project, as it passes through some of the city's busiest and most congested areas.

Earlier, the TBMs had completed a 1,480 metre tunnel between Moin-ul-Haq Stadium and Patna University before being withdrawn temporarily for maintenance.

They were later repositioned to construct an additional 2,302 metre tunnel towards PMCH and Gandhi Maidan. However, progress slowed significantly near the Radha Krishna Temple, where work came to a halt after 952 metres due to land acquisition issues and protests by local residents and temple priests.

Following a three-month disruption, engineers adopted specialised tunnelling methods to safely navigate the sensitive zone. The first TBM reached the PMCH station area on 10 November, with the second arriving a month later, clearing the way for work to resume.

The 1.35 km stretch between PMCH and Gandhi Maidan is regarded as one of the most technically challenging parts of the project. The alignment runs beneath densely built neighbourhoods, requiring constant monitoring of ground conditions, nearby heritage structures and surface traffic.

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