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Centre committed to overhaul Jharkhand's infrastructure, implement Rs 2 lakh crore project, says Nitin Gadkari
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Gadkari also announced a large number of projects to develop connectivity to religious and tourist places in Jharkhand, including the popular Baba Baidyanath in Deoghar. (Photo source: IE)
Union Minister Nitin Gadkari on Thursday said the Centre is committed to augment Jharkhand's infrastructure, and it would implement projects worth Rs 2 lakh crore in the state.

The Union Road Transport and Highways Minister asserted that Jharkhand, which is rich in mineral resources, would see unprecedented growth in the highways sector.

"I am committed to bolster Jharkhand's infrastructure. I assure the people of implementing Rs 2 lakh crore-worth national highway projects in the state," he said, while addressing a public meeting.

"We have completed Rs 40,000-crore national highway projects in the state. At present, we are implementing highway projects worth Rs 70,000 crore, while projects worth Rs 75,000 crore are in the pipeline," Gadkari said.

Strengthening infrastructure was the need of the hour to make India a USD 5-trillion economy in line with Prime Minister Narendra Modi's vision, he said.

He said the Rs 36,000-crore Varanasi-Ranchi-Kolkata greenfield corridor will be completed by March 2028, while the Rs 12,800-crore Ranchi-Varanasi economic corridor will be built by January 2028.

Besides, the Rs 31,700-crore six-lane Delhi-Kolkata corridor will be completed by June 2026, he said, adding, the Ranchi-Patna four-lane economic corridor, being built at a cost of Rs 8,900 crore, will see completion by December 2029.

The Union minister said the Rs 16,500-crore Raipur-Dhanbad four-lane economic corridor will be completed by January 2028.

All these projects will significantly reduce the travel time, he said.

He also announced a Rs 6,000-crore Ranchi Ring Road project and said that a detailed report on it will be released soon.

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In two years, the Indian highways will be at par with America's highways in terms of quality, Gadkari asserted.

"Logistics cost, too, will be reduced to 9 per cent of GDP by December 2025 from 14 per cent, giving a boost to the economy," he said.

Gadkari said till elections, there should be politics but after polls, there should be "politics of development", hinting at populist measures by Jharkhand's JMM-led government.

He also urged the Jharkhand government to address bottlenecks pertaining to land acquisition, clearance from the forest department and other such issues in the state.

"We will ensure better connectivity between Jharkhand and other states, including Bihar," he said.

Comparing the water crisis in parts of Jharkhand with Maharashtra, Gadkari said there is a small mantra to change the scenario.

“We have changed the situation. NHAI built 1,000 ponds free of cost in Maharashtra. We utilised earth excavated from ponds in building roads and it also led to water conservation. I urge the Jharkhand government to issue a similar order for constructing ponds and we will do it free of cost,” he said.

A strong infrastructure here will boost employment for locals, said Gadkari.

He said Jharkhand, which had a national highway network of 2,600 km in 2014, now has a 4,470-km network.

Nineteen aspirational districts of the state are linked with the national highway network now, he said.

In Garhwa, the minister inaugurated a 23-km four-lane highway from Shankha to Khajoori, built at a cost of Rs 1,130 crore.

He also laid the foundation stone of a Rs 1,330-crore project for four-laning of a 32-km stretch of NH-39 from the Chhattisgarh-Jharkhand inter-state boundary to Gumla.

Gadkari, who arrived in Ranchi in a special flight, went to Garhwa in a helicopter and addressed a public rally there.

He was scheduled to arrive in Ranchi from Garhwa on a helicopter, but it was diverted to Gayaji in Bihar due to inclement weather, an official said.

Later, a special aircraft was sent to Gayaji and Gadkari arrived in Ranchi and inaugurated projects worth Rs 3,890 crore.

The projects launched in the capital included a Rs 1,900 crore Palma-Gumla four-lane, Rs 825-crore Barhi-Koderma four-lane, Rs 100-crore project for Godda, Rs 20-crore project for Giridih and a Rs 70-crore Barahat-Tulsipur, in addition to the Rs 560-crore elevated corridor in Ranchi.

In Jharkhand, the minister inaugurated and laid the foundation stones of multiple national highway projects worth Rs 6,350 crore.

Earlier, speaking to PTI, Gadkari said, “Jharkhand Chief Minister Hemant Soren informed me that he will not be able to attend today’s function as his father Shibu Soren is unwell and is undergoing treatment in Delhi.” Officials said Soren extended his gratitude to Gadkari for the invitation to participate in the event.

“It would have been my privilege to be present on this significant occasion. However, due to the ill health of Shri Shibu Soren ji, I am currently in Delhi attending to his medical care, and hence, will

not be able to join the programme,” an official quoting Soren’s written communication to Gadkari said.

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Gadkari Set To Launch Multiple Highway Projects Worth Over Rs 6,300 Crore In Jharkhand

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Union Minister for Road Transport and Highways, Nitin Gadkari, will inaugurate and lay the foundation stone for 11 National Highway projects worth Rs 6,350 crore in Jharkhand on Thursday (3 July).

The events will be held across Ranchi and Garhwa districts in Jharkhand, Business Standard reported.

The major infrastructure push includes a Rs 560 crore elevated corridor in Ranchi and two significant highway projects in Garhwa valued at Rs 2,460 crore.

Gadkari will inaugurate the 4.18 km ‘Ratu Road flyover’ in Ranchi, connecting Raj Bhavan to OTC Ground, aimed at easing traffic congestion in the city.

In Garhwa, he will inaugurate a 23 km four-lane highway from Shankha to Khajoori, built for Rs 1,130 crore.

He will also lay the foundation stone for a Rs 1,330 crore project to widen a 32 km stretch of NH 39 from the Chhattisgarh-Jharkhand border to Gumla.

From Ranchi, the minister will launch several other projects, including the Rs 1,900-crore Palma-Gumla four-lane highway, Rs 825-crore Barhi-Koderma stretch, Rs 100-crore project in Godda, Rs 70-crore Barahat-Tulsipur link, and a Rs 20-crore project in Giridih.

In addition to roadways, the minister will lay the foundation for multiple bridges across Jharkhand, aimed at enhancing regional connectivity and reducing travel time.

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Gujarat’s Dholavira–Santalpur Highway To Undergo Major Upgrade To Improve Kutch Connectivity

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In a significant infrastructure push for Gujarat, the Union government has approved the upgradation of a 106.10 km stretch of National Highway-754K from Dholavira to Santalpur into a two-lane highway with paved shoulders.

Union Minister of Road Transport and Highways Nitin Gadkari took to X to announce the approval of the project.

With an estimated cost of Rs 575.07 crore, it is poised to enhance regional connectivity and stimulate economic growth in the Kutch region.

Gadkari highlighted that this section of NH-754K serves as a “crucial strategic link” connecting the remote and arid landscapes of the Rann of Kutch with the broader state network, integrating seamlessly with National Highway-27, which forms part of the East-West Corridor.

The upgrade is expected to deliver a significant boost to tourism, particularly benefiting the UNESCO World Heritage Site at Dholavira, renowned for its archaeological and historical significance.

Additionally, the improved highway will support logistics and transport for major mineral and salt industries operating in the Kutch region.

Currently, the existing road suffers from congestion and frequent accidents, posing challenges to commuters and freight movement alike.

Gadkari emphasised that transforming the route into a 2-lane highway with paved shoulders will “reduce traffic congestion, enhance road safety, and lower vehicle operating costs.”

This, they said, would translate into a smoother passenger experience and better fuel mileage for vehicles.

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Andhra CM Chandrababu Naidu Unveils Rs 4,800-Crore Plan To Transform Kuppam Into A Model Town

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Andhra Pradesh Chief Minister N Chandrababu Naidu on Wednesday (2 July) announced a Rs 4,800-crore action plan aimed at the all-round development of the Kuppam constituency, which he represents in the Legislative Assembly, The Hindu reported.

“This will transform Kuppam into a model town and a vibrant hub for solar energy, connectivity, and rural development,” Naidu said at a public meeting in Tummisi village, Chittoor district, as part of the ‘Suparipalanalo Tholi Adugu’ initiative.

Highlighting air connectivity as a key focus, he announced plans for a new airport in Kuppam with an investment of Rs 850 crore.

Rejecting the YSR Congress Party’s criticism over land acquisition, he assured fair compensation to landowners.

On infrastructure, Naidu said, “The Kuppam-Hosur road widening will usher in phenomenal development of the Kuppam constituency with excellent connectivity to Chennai, Bengaluru, and Kolar.”

He added that the Kuppam Railway Station would be modernised, and a four-lane highway from Palamaneru to Krishnagiri (Tamil Nadu) would be expedited.

Focusing on solar power, he said rooftop solar panels would be installed in all households under the PM Surya Ghar scheme.

“Every household will be made power self-sufficient. Solar energy will also be provided to the agriculture sector,” he added.

The panels will be free for SC/ST households, while Backward Classes will receive a 40 per cent subsidy.

Naidu also pledged a continuous drinking water supply to Kuppam by completing the Handri Neeva Sujala Sravanthi (HNSS) branch canal at a cost of Rs 85 crore. The total investment in the project stands at Rs 3,980 crore.

Other plans include road and temple development, dairy sector promotion to boost milk production to 10 lakh litres per day, and the launch of a ‘Brand Kuppam’ initiative to promote local products.

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CMRL's Revised Phase II Corridor 5 Alignment Near Koyambedu To Enable Straighter Route

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Map of Chennai Metro Rail Project Phase - II (CMRL)

The Chennai Metro Rail Limited's (CMRL) revised alignment for Corridor 5 of its Phase II project near Koyambedu has begun to take shape on the ground, according to a Times of India report.

Initially, the Madhavaram–Sholinganallur corridor curved after VR Mall to connect Kendriya Vidyalaya, cross the DMDK party office, and then headed towards Koyambedu.

However, the shifting of long-distance bus services from the Chennai Moffusil Bus Terminus (CMBT) to Kilambakkam significantly reduced projected ridership on this section.

In response, CMRL opted for a straighter route directly linking Kendriya Vidyalaya to Koyambedu, dropping the proposed Kalamman Koil Street station and eliminating the earlier curve.

The revised plan bypasses the busy 100 Feet Road, consolidating both corridors under a single hub with the new station now has been shifted to a location directly above the existing Koyambedu station.

The realignment brings the new viaduct closer to Corridor 2, requiring substation modifications. The double-decker viaduct design for Koyambedu remains unchanged, with the completion itargeted for June 2026.

The revised alignment has also allowed the state highways department to expedite the long-awaited Rs 18 crore pedestrian skywalk project at the intersection of Jawaharlal Nehru Road and Poonamallee High Road.

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