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Nitin Gadkari Sets Two-Year Deadline For Delhi–Mumbai Expressway Completion, Unveils Rs 16,500 Crore Highway Push For Kota Region
Swarajya,
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Union Minister for Road Transport and Highways Nitin Gadkari has announced that the Delhi–Mumbai Expressway will be fully operational within the next two years, while unveiling a series of major highway projects in Rajasthan's Kota region.

Speaking at a public event in Mandana after reviewing progress on the Delhi–Mumbai Expressway and the Mukundra Hills Tiger Reserve Tunnel, Gadkari said nearly 75–80 per cent of the Rs 1.10 lakh crore expressway has already been completed.

"The expressway still needs improvement. I give you my word that within two years the Delhi–Mumbai Expressway will be fully completed, enabling people to travel by car from Delhi to Nariman Point and the Jawaharlal Nehru Port within about 12 hours," he was quoted as saying by PTI.

The minister also announced a Rs 551 crore project to build a 10 km four-lane Mukundara Bypass along National Highway-52 between Kota and Jhalawar, with construction expected to begin within three months.

In addition, the Centre has approved a Rs 1,000 crore, 21 km greenfield spur road linking Kota to the Delhi–Mumbai Expressway through Alantpura, with work also scheduled to commence in the coming months.

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Looking further ahead, Gadkari revealed plans for the proposed Rs 15,000 crore Atal Express Highway, connecting Kota and Etawah along the Chambal River corridor.

The project, formerly known as the Chambal Express Highway, is currently in the detailed planning stage. Authorities have also initiated preparation of a Detailed Project Report for a new road connecting Bhawani Mandi to the Delhi–Mumbai Expressway.

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Centre Clears Rs 2,039 Crore Highway Projects For Kerala, Approves Kollam–Theni National Highway Upgrade

PTI,
July 10, 2026

Kerala has secured Central approval for road infrastructure projects worth Rs 2,039 crore.

The announcement was made by Public Works Department (PWD) Minister P K Basheer following his first official meeting with Union Minister for Road Transport and Highways Nitin Gadkari in New Delhi.

According to Basheer, the largest sanction is Rs 1,663 crore for the four-laning of the Kadavoor–Aanjilimoodu section of the Kollam–Theni National Highway.

Among the other approved projects is a Rs 49 crore bridge over the Kabani River, linking Perikkallur in Wayanad district with Bairakuppe in neighbouring Karnataka.

The Centre has also cleared Rs 172 crore for improvement works on National Highway 966 between Ramanattukara and Chandranagar in Palakkad, Rs 98.40 crore for works along National Highway 744, and Rs 66 crore for upgrading the old National Highway 66 stretch connecting Kazhakkootam and Balaramapuram.

Beyond the approved projects, Basheer said Gadkari had extended in-principle approval for proposed ropeway systems at Sabarimala, Munnar and Wayanad.

The minister added that approval for widening National Highway 185 between Adimali and Kumily is expected shortly. Revised alignments for the proposed Kothamangalam and Muvattupuzha bypasses are also likely to receive clearance in the near future.

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In another significant development, Gadkari has instructed officials of the National Highways Authority of India (NHAI) to prepare the Detailed Project Report (DPR) for the proposed elevated highway connecting Ramanattukara with Kozhikode International Airport.

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Centre Approves Rs 990.51 Crore Leh Bypass To Ease City Congestion And Improve NH-1–NH-3 Connectivity In Ladakh

Swarajya,
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The Centre approved the construction of the Leh Bypass (Southern Alignment) at an estimated cost of Rs 990. 51 crore, marking a major infrastructure push for Ladakh.

Union Minister for Road Transport and Highways Nitin Gadkari announced the project through a post on social media platform X on Wednesday (8 July), highlighting its strategic importance for the region.

The project involves constructing a two-lane highway with paved shoulders stretching from NH-1 near Phyang village (HPCL Plant) to Upshi on the Leh–Manali Highway (NH-3).

The bypass is designed to divert through traffic away from Leh city centre, creating a high-quality alternative corridor that connects the two national highways whilst easing urban congestion.

Lieutenant Governor of Ladakh VK Saxena expressed gratitude for the approval, stating the road infrastructure project would significantly ease traffic congestion in Leh city and provide relief to local residents and the growing number of tourists visiting the region.

The strategically important project is expected to facilitate faster, safer and more efficient vehicular movement across the Union Territory.

The bypass forms part of the Centre's continued focus on strengthening road infrastructure in border and high-altitude regions.

Officials believe the new highway will play a crucial role in supporting Ladakh's growing tourism sector whilst improving logistical connectivity between the region and the rest of the country.

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Last month, Gadkari reviewed National Highway projects in Ladakh covering 804 kilometres.

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Maharashtra Launches 15-Day Probe Into Nashik Ring Road Project Amid Allegations Of Insider Deals And Land Acquisition Irregularities

Business Standard,
July 10, 2026

Revenue Minister Chandrashekhar Bawankule informed the Legislative Assembly that a committee headed by the Additional Chief Secretary of the Revenue Department will examine the alleged irregularities in the project.

The Maharashtra government has ordered a high-level inquiry into the Nashik Ring Road project amid allegations of irregularities in land acquisition, changes to the proposed alignment, and possible insider land purchases linked to the major infrastructure project planned ahead of the Kumbh Mela.

Revenue Minister Chandrashekhar Bawankule informed the Legislative Assembly that a committee headed by the Additional Chief Secretary of the Revenue Department will examine whether the project's alignment was altered and if land transactions carried out over the past three years were influenced by prior knowledge of the planned corridor.

The panel has been directed to submit its findings within 15 days.

The announcement came after Leader of the Congress Legislature Party Vijay Wadettiwar raised concerns over the project's implementation, alleging that land acquisition had been carried out unfairly and that the route had been modified to favour select individuals and private entities.

He also referred to complaints from farmers claiming that land parcels initially excluded from acquisition were later brought within the project boundary.

He further said the reported incidents of farmers being compelled to vacate their homes during land measurement and allegations of women being manhandled warranted serious attention.

Similar concerns were echoed by Nationalist Congress Party (NCP) MLA Saroj Ahire, who accused local officials of acting high-handedly during the acquisition process.

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She further alleged that the revised alignment disproportionately benefited certain officials associated with the Maharashtra State Road Development Corporation (MSRDC) and others with land interests in the area.

Responding to the allegations, Bawankule said the government would thoroughly investigate both the decision-making process behind the alignment and the conduct of officials involved in the project.

Bawankule said that strict action would be taken against any official found guilty of wrongdoing.

The inquiry will also scrutinise land transactions carried out over the past three years to determine whether any purchases were made with the intention of securing undue financial gains.

The minister also assured the House that future land acquisition for the project would proceed only after consultations with affected landowners and that eligible farmers would receive appropriate compensation in accordance with government norms.

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Tata's Assam semiconductor plant to receive Rs 14,044 crore in government incentives

The Economic Times,
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Synopsis

The Tata Group's new Assam semiconductor facility will receive significant government incentives. The Centre will provide Rs 10,255 crore, and Assam will add Rs 3,789 crore. This major electronics manufacturing investment is expected to create over 27,000 jobs. The Outsourced Semiconductor Assembly and Test plant will produce millions of chips daily. This project aims to boost India's semiconductor ecosystem and Assam's industrial development.

The Tata Group's upcoming Rs 27,000-crore semiconductor facility in Assam will receive government incentives worth Rs 14,044 crore, with the Centre and the state jointly backing one of India's largest electronics manufacturing investments, the Assam Assembly was informed on Thursday.

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Replying to a query by Rajjor Dal MLA Akhil Gogoi, Industries, Commerce and Public Enterprises Minister Bimal Borah said the Centre will provide Rs 10,255 crore as an incentive for the Tata Electronics project.

Being developed by Tata Electronics with an investment of Rs 27,000 crore, the Outsourced Semiconductor Assembly and Test (OSAT) plant is designed to manufacture up to 48 million semiconductor chips a day. The facility will use advanced packaging technologies, including flip chip and Integrated System in Package (ISIP).

The semiconductor plant is coming up at Jagiroad in Morigaon district, on the site of the erstwhile Hindustan Paper Corporation's Nagaon Paper Mill, which was shut down. The project is expected to play a key role in strengthening India's semiconductor manufacturing ecosystem while giving a major boost to industrial development in Assam.

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