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CM Devendra Fadnavis, Nitin Gadkari Launch Rail Projects Worth Rs 484 Crore Across Six Districts In Maharashtra
Swarajya,
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Maharashtra Chief Minister Devendra Fadnavis and Union Minister for Road Transport and Highways Nitin Gadkari on Sunday (12 July) inaugurated nine rail infrastructure projects worth Rs 484 crore across six districts.

The projects, developed by the Maharashtra Rail Infrastructure Development Corporation Limited (MahaRail), span Nagpur, Satara, Nashik, Sangli, Chandrapur and Amravati.

They include road over bridges at Deepti Signal, Kirloskarvadi, Badnera and Morwa, a four-lane road flyover at a railway crossing in Vardhmannagar along with five road under bridges and subways designed to replace railway level crossings, improve traffic flow and enhance commuter safety.

Two projects in Nagpur have been completed under the Central Roads and Infrastructure Fund. Seven projects have been completed on the basis of 50:50 cost sharing between the Ministry of Railways and the Government of Maharashtra.

While the main event was held at the newly constructed Deepti Signal Road Over Bridge in Nagpur, the remaining projects were inaugurated virtually.

Addressing the gathering, Fadnavis said the state has prioritised becoming "railway gate-free" in view of the large number of fatalities caused by level crossings every year.

He said Maharashtra requires 524 railway gate elimination projects, of which 121 high-traffic crossings handling more than 10,000 vehicles daily and another 145 railway bridge projects have already received approval.

He added that MahaRail is expected to complete these works over the next three years.

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Separately, the Chief Minister and Gadkari also laid the foundation stone for Swapnapurti, a housing project under the Pradhan Mantri Awas Yojana (Urban) 2.0 in Nagpur.

The project is being developed exclusively for sanitation workers and will include modern amenities such as landscaped gardens, community halls, rooftop solar power systems and sewage treatment facilities.

Fadnavis announced that the state government intends to provide free housing to sanitation workers across Maharashtra.

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Assam Government Plans Metro Along Proposed 121 Km Guwahati Ring Road; Feasibility Study To Explore Integrated Mass Transit Network

PTI,

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Aerial view of Guwahati with an elevated road

The Assam government has announced plans to examine the feasibility of developing a metro rail system alongside the proposed 121 km Guwahati Ring Road.

Presenting the state Budget in the Assembly, Finance Minister Jayanta Malla Baruah said the government would commission a detailed feasibility study to evaluate the technical, financial and operational viability of introducing a mass rapid transit system along or above the planned Ring Road corridor.

The proposed assessment forms part of a wider strategy to reshape Guwahati's future growth by encouraging the development of satellite townships beyond the city's existing urban core.

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The metro proposal is closely linked to the ambitious Guwahati Ring Road project, one of Assam's largest transport infrastructure initiatives.

The corridor includes a 55 km greenfield northern bypass, a six-lane, three-km bridge across the Brahmaputra River and the widening of National Highway-27 to six lanes.

The government believes integrating a metro corridor with the Ring Road at the planning stage could create a more efficient multimodal transport system capable of meeting the city's future mobility requirements.

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Mumbai–Ahmedabad Bullet Train Project Challenges Enhanced Land Compensation In Gujarat HC, Warns Of Rs 40,000 Crore Cost Escalation
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The Mumbai–Ahmedabad High-Speed Rail project has approached the Gujarat High Court against enhanced land compensation awarded by the Land Acquisition, Rehabilitation and Resettlement Authority (LARRA), warning that the revised payouts could inflate the project's overall cost by nearly Rs 40,000 crore and jeopardise its financial viability.

The appeal has been filed by the Chief Project Manager of the National High Speed Rail Corporation Limited (NHSRCL), which is implementing India's first bullet train corridor.

The project, currently valued at around Rs 1.1 lakh crore, argues that the compensation revisions ordered by LARRA in recent months are inconsistent with the provisions of the land acquisition law.

During the hearing, Advocate General Kamal Trivedi informed the High Court that the revised awards, if applied across all affected land parcels, could impose an enormous financial burden on the project.

The dispute centres on land acquired in Ochhan village of Bharuch district, where compensation initially fixed in 2020 at Rs 50 per square metre was subsequently enhanced by LARRA to Rs 660 per square metre after a landowner sought a revision.

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The project authority has challenged the decision, contending that the authority relied on land valuation from Simartha village, located around 14 km away, instead of comparable transactions in the immediate vicinity.

According to the appeal, the valuation methodology adopted by LARRA overlooked recent sale deeds from neighbouring villages and incorrectly applied higher benchmark rates and escalation calculations that, the authority argues, are not permissible under the Right to Fair Compensation and Transparency in Land Acquisition, Rehabilitation and Resettlement Act.

A division bench of the Gujarat High Court has admitted three appeals from Bharuch and Surat districts, issued notices to the concerned parties and scheduled the next hearing for 5 August.

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Odisha Extends Setu Bandhan Yojana With Rs 11,800 Crore Outlay, Targets 1,750 New Bridges By 2031

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The Odisha government is advancing with an infrastructure programme to strengthen rural roads in the state by constructing 1,750 new bridges over the next five years under the revamped Setu Bandhan Yojana (SBY).

With an estimated investment of Rs 11,800 crore, the Rural Development Department has extended the scheme, formerly known as the Biju Setu Yojana, for the 2026-27 to 2030-31 period.

Under the revised programme, the government plans to complete around 350 bridges annually. The overall target covers 3,167 bridge projects, including 1,417 ongoing works carried forward from previous years and the construction of 1,750 new bridges.

The state has earmarked Rs 2,200 crore for 2026-27, followed by annual allocations of Rs 2,400 crore over the next four financial years.

Priority will be given to remote, tribal and aspirational districts where inadequate infrastructure has long constrained economic activity.

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The Rural Works Organisation will execute the projects, supported by a two-tier quality monitoring mechanism and an independent third-party assessment at the conclusion of the programme.

Alongside the bridge initiative, the state has also introduced a Rs 600 crore Bridge-cum-Weir Scheme for 2026-31.

Covering 670 projects, the programme will develop water-retention structures alongside bridges to improve groundwater recharge, irrigation and water conservation.

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Andhra Pradesh Government Approves Second Extension For Ramayapatnam Port Project Over Land, Rail, And Dredging Delays

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The Andhra Pradesh government has granted a second extension for completing the Rs 4,923 crore Ramayapatnam Greenfield Port project, allowing the Engineering, Procurement and Construction (EPC) contractor to finish the first phase by 30 December 2026 without imposing any liquidated damages.

The decision was approved following a recommendation from the Andhra Pradesh Maritime Board (APMB) after the project contractor sought additional time, citing multiple execution challenges beyond its control.

The port, located in Prakasam district, is being developed by a joint venture between Navayuga Engineering Company Ltd (NECL) and Aurobindo Realty Ltd (ARIPL).

In a Government Order issued by Special Chief Secretary (Infrastructure & Investment) MT Krishna Babu, the state approved the revised completion deadline while making it clear that the extension would not result in any additional financial compensation to the contractor.

The project was originally scheduled for completion on 23 June 2025, before the government granted its first extension up to 27 April 2026. With several critical components still pending, the contractor approached the APMB for another extension, outlining a series of obstacles that had slowed construction.

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Among the major issues highlighted were delays in handing over more than 38 acres of project land, affecting the development of essential infrastructure such as the stackyard, internal roads, railway connectivity and utility networks.

The contractor also pointed to delays in external power and rail connectivity, difficult dredging conditions caused by unexpectedly hard seabed strata, changes to dredged material disposal locations and operational disruptions at the construction site.

Additional factors included land acquisition issues in Karlapalem and Salipeta villages, along with force majeure events such as severe cyclones during the construction period and geopolitical tensions in West Asia that disrupted fuel supply chains.

The contractor's request was reviewed by the Tender Evaluation and EPC Committee, which concluded that the delays were largely attributable to land availability issues and force majeure circumstances rather than contractor negligence.

Based on these findings, the committee recommended extending the completion deadline without imposing liquidated damages.

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