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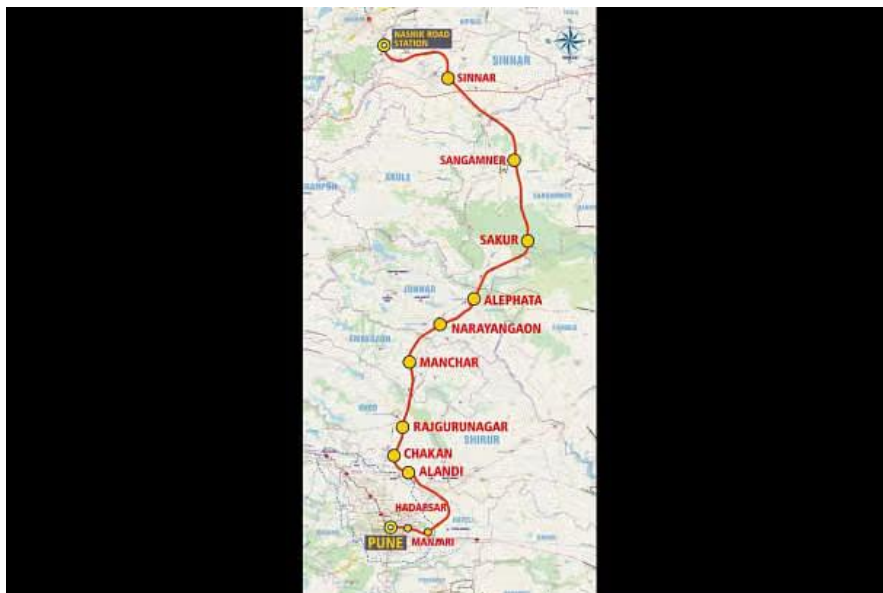
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Proposed Alignment of Pune-Nashik Semi High-Speed Rail Line

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Plans to align the proposed Pune-Nashik industrial corridor with the upcoming semi-high-speed railway line have been firmly rejected by the Maharashtra State Road Development Corporation (MSRDC), which has flagged both technical and financial obstacles, Hindustan Times reported.

The state government had instructed MSRDC to examine whether shifting the expressway closer to the rail route could ease tensions among farmers and landowners whose properties fall along the initially proposed 213 km highway.

The intention was to minimise land acquisition disputes by leveraging the rail corridor under development.

However, MSRDC's detailed assessment, submitted last week, concluded that the two projects have fundamentally distinct objectives and cannot realistically share space.

"The rail project is meant for fast intercity travel, while the industrial corridor is designed to connect multiple towns, villages, and industrial zones. Regulatory buffer zones around the railway make it nearly impossible to lay an expressway alongside. The cost of such co-location would also be prohibitively high," a senior MSRDC official was quoted as saying.

Under the original alignment sanctioned last year, the corridor comprises a 135 km stretch from Pune to Shirdi, a further 52 km linking Shirdi to Niphad where it connects to the Surat-Chennai Expressway and an 18 km segment leading to Nashik.

While the realignment proposal aimed to address farmers' grievances, particularly in agricultural regions, MSRDC maintains that adhering to the approved path is the only practical way forward.

The final call now rests with the state government, which has yet to authorise the next stage of the project.

The Pune-Nashik corridor is a crucial segment of MSRDC's ambitious 4,200 km network designed to boost connectivity across Maharashtra.

Once operational, it is projected to slash travel time between the two cities from five hours to just two and a half.

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New Four-Lane 115 Km Link Road To Provide Jhansi Seamless Access To Bundelkhand Expressway: Report

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Efforts to connect Jhansi with the Bundelkhand Expressway have gathered pace, with the Uttar Pradesh Expressways Industrial Development Authority (UPEIDA) initiating plans for a 115 km link expressway, as per a report by Hindi daily Amar Ujala.

This proposed route is expected to traverse 63 villages across the tehsils of Garotha, Tahrauli, Moth, and Jhansi.

Villages through which the link road will pass have been finalised, and a drone survey is now underway to chart the precise alignment, likely to conclude within a month.

The link expressway is seen as critical to boosting connectivity for the General Bipin Rawat Defence Corridor and the Bundelkhand Industrial Development Authority (BIDA), both poised for significant investment in the region.

As part of broader efforts to improve road infrastructure, the government plans to connect the industrial corridor seamlessly to the Bundelkhand Expressway.

A 115 km stretch will be constructed between Jalaun and Erich, from where it will join the main expressway, creating faster routes to Delhi, Lucknow, Agra, and Eastern Uttar Pradesh.

“Drone survey has been started for the proposed villages of the Jhansi Link Expressway. This work will be completed soon. With its help, the Defence Corridor and BIDA can also be connected to the Bundelkhand Expressway,” Varun Pandey, Additional District Magistrate (Administration) was quoted as saying by Amar Ujala.

The estimated cost for the proposed link expressway stands at around Rs 1,300 crore, though officials stress this figure remains provisional.

Initial plan is to keep the expressway four-laned, with potential expansion to six lanes in future.

Approximately Rs 228 crore has been earmarked for land acquisition, with the government already approving part of the funding.

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