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**Cabinet Clears ₹15,900 Cr Highway Upgrades in Bihar, Telangana & MP**  
 Infra Junction,  
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### **Projects Approved Under BOT and HAM Models**

The Cabinet Committee on Economic Affairs (CCEA), chaired by Prime Minister Narendra Modi, has approved highway upgrade projects in Bihar, Telangana and Madhya Pradesh. The projects involve widening and improving more than 560 km of highway corridors.

They are sanctioned under the BOT (Toll) and Hybrid Annuity Model (HAM) frameworks with an investment of over ₹15,900 crore.

### **Telangana Gets Largest Share**

The biggest approval is for the widening of the Armoor-Jagtial-Mancherial stretch of NH-63 and the Jagtial-Karimnagar section of NH-563 in Telangana. The two projects will be developed at a total cost of ₹7,597.16 crore.

Spanning 190.76 km, the projects will be executed through three packages under HAM and BOT (Toll) models.

According to the government, the existing corridors face severe traffic congestion in several urban and semi-urban locations. These include Anksapoor, Korutla, Jagtial, Dharmapuri, Lakshettipet, Mancherial, Potharam and Karimnagar.

### **Faster Travel in Telangana**

The projects include bypasses at congested locations and have been designed for speeds of up to 100 kmph.

#### **Key benefits:**

- Armoor–Mancherial travel time to be reduced by about 1 hour 30 minutes
- Jagtial–Karimnagar travel time to be reduced by about 45 minutes
- Connectivity to 5 economic nodes
- Connectivity to 7 social nodes
- Connectivity to 10 logistics nodes
- Expected to improve India's logistics performance index

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## Madhya Pradesh Corridor Upgrade Approved

In Madhya Pradesh, the Cabinet has cleared the upgradation of the Hiwarkhedhi-Roshni-Ashapur-Rudhy section of NH-347B to two-lane paved shoulder standards. It has also approved four-laning of the Deshgaon-Julwaniya section.

The combined length of these projects is 233.653 km. The total investment stands at ₹4,415.60 crore under the Hybrid Annuity Model.

The government said the project will address congestion, geometric deficiencies and sharp curves across Betul, Khandwa, Khargone and Barwani districts.

## Khargone Bypass Included

The project also includes construction of a 16.20-km greenfield bypass in Khargone district. According to the government, the upgraded corridor will strengthen connectivity with six PM Gati Shakti economic nodes. These include textile clusters, mega food parks, industrial parks and thermal power plants.

The project will also improve access to aspirational and tribal districts. In addition, it will connect key logistics infrastructure such as airports, railway stations and a multi-modal logistics park.

## Bihar Four-Laning Project

The government has also approved the four-laning of the Khagaria-Purnea section of NH-31 and NH-231 in Bihar.

The 143.529-km project will be developed under the BOT (Toll) model at a cost of ₹3,936.05 crore.

According to the government, the project will remove geometric deficiencies, ease congestion and improve movement through Khagaria, Bhagalpur, Katihar and Purnia districts.

## Travel Time to Fall to Nearly Two Hours

The Bihar project includes a 6.729-km greenfield bypass for Purnea city.

*Expected outcomes:*

- Travel time to reduce to nearly two hours

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- Improved road safety
- Better fuel efficiency
- Lower vehicle operating costs
- Connectivity to 5 PM Gati Shakti economic nodes
- Connectivity to 11 logistics nodes, including railway stations, airports and highway links

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### **Employment and Economic Impact**

The government said all three projects will improve regional mobility and strengthen freight transportation. They are also expected to reduce fuel consumption and support socio-economic growth in the respective states.

The projects are expected to create substantial employment opportunities. Direct employment is estimated at 86.52 lakh person-days, while indirect employment is projected at 106.25 lakh person-days.

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**UP Government Brings UPEIDA Under Chief Minister's Infrastructure Department To Fast-Track Expressway And Mega Infrastructure Projects**  
Swarajya,  
June 8, 2026

In a significant administrative restructuring, the Uttar Pradesh government has transferred the Uttar Pradesh Expressways Industrial Development Authority (UPEIDA) from the Industries Department to the Infrastructure Development Department, placing the agency directly under the portfolio overseen by Chief Minister Yogi Adityanath.

The move is intended to streamline governance and align UPEIDA's administrative control with its evolving role as the state's principal infrastructure development agency.

Until now, the authority functioned under the Industries Department, headed by Industries Minister Nand Gopal Gupta 'Nandi'.

Officials said the decision was taken to eliminate duplication in administrative processes and improve coordination between departments handling large-scale infrastructure projects.

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According to the government, overlapping responsibilities had emerged between the Infrastructure Development Department and the section within the Industrial Development Department responsible for UPEIDA-related matters.

Additional Chief Secretary Alok Kumar said the restructuring was aimed at enhancing efficiency and removing parallel channels of decision-making.

He noted that similar functions were being handled by separate administrative wings, creating unnecessary overlap in project management and approvals.

With the transfer, proposals, budget sanctions and project-related files associated with UPEIDA will now be routed through the Chief Minister's office instead of the Industries Department.

Officials believe this could accelerate decision-making for key infrastructure initiatives across the state.

Established in December 2007, UPEIDA was originally created to develop expressways and promote industrial growth along high-speed transport corridors.

However, over the years, its focus has increasingly shifted towards delivering large-scale infrastructure projects, including expressways, logistics corridors and strategic connectivity networks.

The transfer was approved following a proposal from the Industries Department, with the Secretariat Administration Department issuing the final order.

The government maintained that placing UPEIDA under the Infrastructure Development Department would ensure better policy alignment and more effective execution of the state's flagship infrastructure agenda.

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Kerala Government Approves Rs 3,200 Crore For Thiruvananthapuram Outer Ring Road's Long-Delayed Land Acquisition

PTI,

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The Kerala government has approved Rs 3,200 crore for the long-delayed land acquisition of the proposed Thiruvananthapuram Outer Ring Road (ORR) project which expected to improve connectivity between Vizhinjam International Seaport and the northern parts of the capital region.

The funding approval is expected to unlock compensation payments for thousands of landowners whose properties fall within the alignment of the 62.7 km corridor.

The compensation disbursement anticipated to begin within the next two months.

Landowners' Action Council also welcomed the approval, describing it as a long-overdue breakthrough for thousands of families who have been awaiting compensation for years.

The project affects 6,563 landowners across the proposed NH-866 alignment.

The approval follows discussions between Chief Minister V D Satheesan and representatives of affected property owners, who have been seeking clarity on compensation and project timelines for several years.

The announcement comes as the National Highways Authority of India (NHAI) advances the next phase of the project.

The agency has invited bids for construction of the four-lane greenfield corridor under the build-operate-transfer model, with the project estimated to cost Rs 8,004.72 crore. Bid submissions will remain open until 5 August.

Meanwhile, environmental clearance procedures are progressing. A public hearing scheduled by the Kerala State Pollution Control Board on 11 June will form part of the statutory approval process.

Planned under the Bharatmala programme, the ORR is expected to ease traffic pressure in Thiruvananthapuram while strengthening freight movement linked to Vizhinjam port.

Revised designs incorporating tunnels and viaducts have also been proposed to minimise displacement and environmental impact.

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Hindustan Construction Company secures Rs 127 crore Bhutan hydropower project contract  
The Economic Times,  
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### **Synopsis**

*Hindustan Construction Company Ltd (HCC) has won a Rs 127 crore contract in Bhutan. The deal is for construction works at the Wangchhu Hydroelectric Project. This includes diversion tunnels, gates, and cofferdams. The project is crucial for Bhutan's hydropower expansion plans. HCC has a long history of contributing to Bhutan's power capacity.*

Hindustan Construction Company Ltd on Friday said it has secured a contract worth Rs 127 crore from Wangchhu Hydroelectric Power Ltd (WHPL), Bhutan, for construction works related to the Wangchhu Hydroelectric Project.

The company in a statement said the scope of work includes the construction of diversion tunnels, hydromechanical gates and cofferdams.

The contract is scheduled to be completed within nine months, it added.

The diversion works are critical for enabling the early commencement of the project's primary civil works and maintaining the overall implementation schedule of the Wangchhu hydroelectric project.

Bhutan's hydropower sector is poised for significant expansion under the country's 13th Five-Year Plan (2024-29), with the government targeting 6,000 MW of installed capacity and continued investments in large hydroelectric projects.

Hindustan Construction Company Ltd's (HCC) continued presence in Bhutan for over three decades has contributed significantly to the country's hydropower capacity through projects such as Tala (1020 MW), Kurichu (60 MW), Punatsangchhu-I (1200 MW), Dagachhu (114 MW) and Nikachhu (118 MW).

The company has also executed 26 per cent of India's installed hydropower capacity.

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