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Cabinet approves widening of NH-63 Armour-Mancherial section under Hybrid Annuity Model

The Economic Times,
June 9, 2026

Synopsis

The government has approved significant road development projects in Telangana. The Armour-Jagtial-Mancherial section of NH-63 will be widened. The Jagtial-Karimnagar section of NH-563 will be four-laned. These projects aim to ease congestion and improve connectivity. Travel times are expected to reduce significantly. The initiatives will boost regional development and logistics.

The Cabinet Committee on Economic Affairs, chaired by Prime Minister Narendra Modi, today approved the widening of the existing Armour-Jagtial-Mancherial Section of National Highway (NH)-63 on the Hybrid Annuity Model (HAM).

Additionally, the Jagtial-Karimnagar section of National Highway (NH)-563 was also approved for four-laning on a Build-Operate-Transfer (BOT-Toll) mode under three work packages, covering a combined total length of 190.76 km at a total capital cost of Rs 7,597.16 crore.

The project section of Armour-Jagtial-Mancherial passes through Nizamabad, Jagtial, and Mancherial Districts of Telangana, facing severe congestion at present due to several built-up areas along the highway, such as Anksapoor, Korutla, Jagtial, Dharmapuri, Lakshettipet and Mancherial.

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Similarly, the Jagtial- Karimnagar section passes through severely congested and heavily built-up places along the stretch, such as Jagtial, Potharam, Gangadhara and Karimnagar.

The instant projects are proposed to have a 4-lane configuration with bypasses to built-up areas with open tolling, ensuring design speed of 100 km/hour and improved travel efficiency across the Districts of Nizamabad, Jagtial, Mancherial and Karimnagar in the State of Telangana. The project will also enhance regional mobility and promote socio-economic development.

The projects are in line with the PM GatiShakti principles and will connect five Economic Nodes, seven Social Nodes and ten Logistic Nodes. This will have a positive impact on the Logistic Performance Index (LPI) of the country.

Upon completion, travel time is expected to reduce by about 1 hour and 30 minutes between Armour and Mancherial and by about 45 minutes between Jagtial and Karimnagar, while providing safe, fast, and uninterrupted connectivity for both passenger and freight traffic.

Additionally, the project will result in substantial reductions in fuel consumption, carbon emissions, and vehicle operating costs (VOC).

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Rs 33,660 crore industrial parks scheme to help get investments, create jobs:

Piyush Goyal

The Economic Times,

June 9, 2026

Synopsis

A new scheme, BHAVYA, worth ₹33,660 crore, will develop 100 industrial parks across India. This initiative aims to attract investments and create jobs. The scheme will be implemented in phases, with the first phase considering applications received by July 31. States will compete by submitting project proposals. The goal is to build world-class infrastructure and boost manufacturing.

The ₹33,660-crore Bharat Audyogik Vikas Yojna (BHAVYA) scheme will help attract investments, create jobs and provide modern social infrastructure in the 100 industrial parks to be developed under this initiative, commerce and industry minister Piyush Goyal said on Monday.

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The Union cabinet had, on March 18, approved the scheme for developing 100 plug-and-play industrial parks across the country.

"The BHAVYA scheme will be run in two phases, "Goyal said, noting subsequent phases would be implemented based on the experience and learnings from initial rounds.

Goyal said applications received between June 1 and July 31 would be considered for the first phase of 20 parks. A further 30 parks would be taken up based on applications received up to September 30.

An official statement said the scheme will "adopt a competitive model under which states will be encouraged to submit detailed project proposals highlighting their industrial strengths, availability of land, investor interest and sectoral potential."

It aims to develop world-class industrial infrastructure, unlock manufacturing potential and drive the country's economic growth.

"We want to make sure that the scheme does become the change agent in terms of promoting investments across India in industry," Goyal said here while launching a portal to roll out the scheme.

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Govt to tap AI for mapping supply chains and investment clusters

The Economic Times,
June 9, 2026

Synopsis

India's upcoming Statistical Business Register (SBR) will leverage AI and analytics to map supply chains, identify investment clusters, and guide logistics infrastructure investments. Privacy and consent-based data sharing are central to the framework. The government emphasizes data harmonization as crucial for AI's effectiveness, focusing on semantic interoperability across datasets.

India's Statistical Business Register (SBR) will help map supply chain linkages, identify investment clusters and guide public investment in logistics infrastructure with the use of artificial intelligence (AI) and analytics services, statistics ministry secretary Saurabh Garg said on Friday.

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Privacy protections and consent-based data-sharing protocols will remain embedded in the framework, Garg said at a National Council of Applied Economic Research (NCAER) workshop on the economics of AI and digital public infrastructure. The government is building an SBR, a centralised database of all business entities across the country. "Data is the raw material of AI. You can have energy, chips and models, but without data, AI is not there," Garg said.

Data harmonisation has become the government's next major focus in its digital public infrastructure agenda, he said, stressing that AI can only be as effective as the quality and consistency of the underlying data. While ministries can exchange information through APIs and digital platforms, the challenge lies in ensuring "semantic interoperability," common definitions, classifications, identifiers and metadata across datasets, Garg said. -Our Bureau

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Indian Railways Approves Rs 220.5 Crore Doubling Of Mararikulam–Alappuzha Line In Kerala

Swarajya,
June 9, 2026

Indian Railways has cleared a major rail infrastructure upgrade in Kerala, approving a Rs 220.51 crore project to double the 10.65 km railway section between Mararikulam and Alappuzha on the Southern Railway network.

The sanctioned work forms part of Indian Railways' broader programme to expand network capacity through doubling, tripling, quadrupling, flyovers and bypass lines across high-density routes.

The Mararikulam–Alappuzha stretch remains the only single-line segment on the Ernakulam–Kayamkulam corridor via Alappuzha, while most adjoining sections have already been doubled or are currently undergoing similar upgrades.

Railway authorities expect the project to substantially strengthen operational efficiency once completed.

The additional line will enable the introduction of up to nine extra passenger train services in each direction every day, helping accommodate growing travel demand along Kerala's coastal belt.

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The enhanced infrastructure will also support freight movement of nearly 2.88 million tonnes annually, contributing to improved logistics and cargo transportation across the region.

Faster train movement, reduced waiting times and fewer operational constraints are expected to improve punctuality and overall network performance.

Indian Railways estimates that the project will generate additional annual earnings of around Rs 3.08 crore through increased passenger and freight traffic.

The proposal has been identified under the national Mission 3000 MT initiative and the High Density Traffic Network Corridor programme, both aimed at boosting rail capacity on strategically important routes.

The project has demonstrated strong economic viability, with an Economic Internal Rate of Return (EIRR) of 22.30 per cent.

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60 next-gen trains, expanded network: Centre plans Kolkata Metro's next growth phase

The Financial Express,
June 9, 2026

The announcement was made during his visit to Kolkata, where he travelled on the Metro network and reviewed railway and connectivity projects in West Bengal.

Kolkata Metro is set for a major fleet upgrade, with Union Minister Ashwini Vaishnaw announcing plans to induct around 60 next-generation trains over the next four to five years. The announcement was made during his visit to Kolkata, where he travelled on the Metro network and reviewed railway and connectivity projects in West Bengal.

According to the ANI video, Vaishnaw stated that the new trains would help in bringing a new generation of Metro services in the city and form part of a broader effort to enhance urban mobility.

60 New trains planned for Kolkata Metro

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While speaking to reporters after his Metro ride, Vaishnaw said, “We are planning about 60 new-generation trains for Kolkata Metro in the coming 4-5 years. These trains will be inducted and Kolkata Metro Rail will get a totally new generation of trains,” as reported by ANI.

He further added that several initiatives are ongoing to improve transportation infrastructure in Kolkata and boost the commuting experience for residents.

The railway minister also said that Kolkata Metro would undergo a broader transformation as new trains and infrastructure projects are launched over the coming year.

Metro ride and rail connectivity review

Earlier in the day, Vaishnaw travelled on the Kolkata Metro from Jai Hind Station to Noapara Station. According to the Ministry of Railways, he talked with passengers during the journey and took feedback on Metro services in the city.

The minister also shared details of discussions on railway development projects in West Bengal. In a post on X, Vaishnaw said that he conducted talks on ongoing and future railways initiatives and aimed at strengthening connectivity across the state and improving travel facilities for millions of people.

“To improve mobility in Kolkata city a lot of effort have been made,” Vaishnaw stated. “As the projects advance, mobility in Kolkata city will advance too.”

Metro expansion and Bullet train plans

Vaishnaw also underlined the pace of Metro expansion in recent years. According to PTI, he mentioned that 28 km of the Kolkata Metro network was completed during its first 42 years, whereas around 45 km of Metro lines have been added since 2014.

Apart from the Kolkata Metro, the minister referred to proposed high-speed corridors connecting Delhi, Siliguri and Varanasi. As reported by PTI, the planned bullet train route is likely to significantly cut travel time, with the proposed network potentially connecting Siliguri and New Delhi in about six hours.

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Bengaluru–Tumakuru And Mahbubnagar–Secunderabad Routes Set For Advanced 2x25 kV Upgrade Under Rs 448 Crore Rail Capacity Push

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Indian Railways has cleared two major electrification enhancement projects worth a combined Rs 447.58 crore to strengthen rail capacity on critical high-density routes in Karnataka and Telangana.

The projects involve upgrading existing electric traction infrastructure from the conventional 1x25 kV system to the more advanced 2x25 kV system, a move aimed at supporting heavier trains, improving operational reliability and accommodating rising traffic volumes.

In Karnataka, the Bengaluru–Tumakuru section of South Western Railway will undergo a traction upgrade across 120 track km at a cost of RS 162.57 crore.

The corridor forms part of the strategically important Pune–Hubballi–Chikjajur–Birur–Tumakuru–Bengaluru–Salem–Kanniyakumari route, one of the busiest railway links connecting major industrial and commercial centres across southern India.

The modernised traction network is expected to provide stronger and more stable power supply for train operations, enabling the route to handle longer passenger services and heavier freight trains with greater efficiency.

The upgrade is also expected to ease congestion on a vital corridor serving the Bengaluru metropolitan region and surrounding districts.

Meanwhile, Indian Railways has also sanctioned a Rs 285.01 crore project on the Mahbubnagar–Secunderabad–Medchal section of South Central Railway.

Covering approximately 141 route km, the project will introduce the same 2x25 kV traction technology on a crucial segment of the Dharmavaram–Dhone–Mahbubnagar–Secunderabad–Medchal–Mudkhed–Indore–Ajmer corridor.

The route is part of the country’s High-Density Network and carries substantial passenger and freight traffic.

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UP Government Brings UPEIDA Under Chief Minister’s Infrastructure Department To Fast-Track Expressway And Mega Infrastructure Projects

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Business Standard,
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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.

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.

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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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