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Private sector accelerates India’s infrastructure growth
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Private capital and EPC firms are actively accelerating India’s structural and economic infrastructure transformation.



India’s infrastructure narrative is no longer being shaped solely by government expenditure. It is now increasingly powered by a calibrated partnership between public intent and private execution. Over the last five years, the country has moved from viewing real estate and EPC firms as transactional participants to recognising them as strategic nation-building stakeholders. This shift is not cosmetic. It is structural, long-term, and deeply connected to India’s aspiration of becoming a US\$5 trillion-plus economy.

The real estate and infrastructure ecosystem today contributes significantly to employment generation, urban transformation, logistics efficiency, industrial competitiveness, and capital formation. According to recent industry assessments, India’s real estate sector contributes nearly 7.3 per cent to GDP and is expected to expand steadily through infrastructure-led urbanisation. Simultaneously, infrastructure investments across roads, renewables, logistics, urban transit, and industrial corridors are projected to witness a 45–50 per cent rise over the

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current and next fiscal cycle, with cumulative investments estimated to touch nearly ₹23–24 lakh crore.

Evolving infrastructure roles

What makes this phase different from earlier growth cycles is the evolving role of EPC and private infrastructure developers. They are no longer executing isolated construction mandates. They are becoming integrated development partners capable of delivering connectivity, economic ecosystems, and long-term asset value. In many emerging growth corridors, infrastructure is now determining the direction of real estate demand rather than the other way around.

A telling example can be seen in western India, where a logistics-linked industrial corridor witnessed warehousing absorption rise by over 32 per cent within 24 months of expressway connectivity and multimodal freight integration. Residential demand in adjoining micro-markets simultaneously appreciated by nearly 18 per cent due to improved commute efficiency and industrial employment generation. The larger takeaway is that infrastructure-led development is now creating self-sustaining urban economies rather than fragmented construction activity.

Private sector impact

This is precisely where the private sector's role becomes transformative. Government vision can establish policy direction, but execution velocity increasingly depends on the operational depth, financial discipline, and innovation capabilities of private real estate and EPC players. The modern EPC company is integrating engineering, digital project management, ESG compliance, financing structures, and lifecycle asset optimisation into one framework. In effect, these firms are becoming institutional enablers of India's growth ambitions.

The market is already reflecting this transition. Large diversified EPC firms are expected to record revenue growth of 9–11 per cent in FY26, supported by stronger order books, healthier execution cycles, and growing private participation in infrastructure capital expenditure. Private sector participation in infrastructure capex, which stood at around 9 per cent in FY25, is expected to rise further as Build-Operate-Transfer models regain momentum across transportation and renewable energy segments.

Multiplier economic effect

Another important dimension often overlooked is the multiplier effect of infrastructure-led real estate. Every major airport expansion, metro corridor, data centre cluster, or industrial

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township creates downstream demand for housing, retail, hospitality, education, and social infrastructure. The recently approved airport modernisation and expansion initiatives under PPP models across Tier-II locations are expected to unlock regional economic activity far beyond aviation.

Similarly, metro rail expansion in emerging cities is already altering land economics and investment patterns. A recent transit-led infrastructure announcement in northern India triggered immediate interest from institutional investors and developers due to anticipated commercial and residential appreciation along the corridor. The future of real estate, therefore, will increasingly be linked to mobility, logistics, and integrated infrastructure rather than standalone land banking.

Institutional investment growth

There is also a deeper institutional evolution taking place. India's infrastructure and real estate sectors are witnessing growing participation from sovereign wealth funds, pension capital, REITs, InvITs, and global infrastructure investors. This institutionalisation is improving governance expectations, execution transparency, and long-term asset quality. Recent global infrastructure partnerships targeting multi-billion-dollar investments across energy, transport, and logistics reinforce the global confidence in infrastructure-led economies.

Equally important is technology adoption. Digital land record systems, integrated project monitoring, AI-led planning tools, and smart urban frameworks are helping reduce structural inefficiencies within the sector. This transition is critical because future infrastructure competitiveness will depend not only on scale but also on execution intelligence.

From a macroeconomic perspective, infrastructure-driven private sector participation also strengthens employment generation. Construction and allied industries remain among India's largest job creators. Every major EPC-led infrastructure project activates an ecosystem involving manufacturing, steel, cement, logistics, financial services, technology, and MSMEs. The impact therefore extends beyond urban skylines into national productivity itself.

By 2027, India's real estate sector may no longer be defined merely by residential launches or commercial leasing numbers. It will increasingly be evaluated through its ability to support economic corridors, industrial expansion, clean energy transitions, digital infrastructure, and integrated urbanisation. The companies that understand this shift early will not merely build projects; they will help shape the architecture of India's next economic decade.

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In that journey, the growing partnership between government ambition and private sector capability may well emerge as one of the most defining forces behind modern nation-building.

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Nitin Gadkari Launches Rs 3,214 Crore Meghalaya Highway Package Covering Four New National Highway Projects And Two Key Road Upgrades
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Meghalaya

Union Road Transport and Highways Minister Nitin Gadkari today laid the foundation stone for highway projects worth Rs 3,214 crore at the North East Infrastructure Summit and Exhibition in New Shillong, Meghalaya.

The package includes the foundation stone laying of four new National Highway projects and the upgradation of two key road corridors, aimed at improving connectivity across the state and strengthening links with neighbouring regions.

Chief Minister Conrad K Sangma, who joined Gadkari at the summit, described the event as a milestone for the region's development journey.

Highlighting Meghalaya's progress, he said the state's Gross State Domestic Product (GSDP) has risen from Rs 29,508 crore in 2018 to Rs 59,626 crore in FY 2024-25, making it one of India's fastest-growing states.

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He also pointed to rising public investment, with state budgets doubling and capital expenditure increasing nearly six-fold over the past eight years.

Sangma further underlined Meghalaya's growing ambitions, citing preparations for the upcoming National Games, plans for a major football stadium, and improved air connectivity to Shillong.

Key Projects Included In The Package

- **Pynursla Bypass (NH-206):** 7.76 km stretch with an investment of Rs 564 crore.
- **Dhubri-Phulbari Bridge–Selsella Road (NH-127B):** 31.5 km corridor costing Rs 737 crore.
- **Selsella–Goeragre Road (NH-206):** 31.7 km highway project valued at Rs 504 crore.
- **Tura Bypass (NH-217):** 29 km access-controlled route estimated at Rs 951 crore.

Road Improvement Works

- Upgradation of a 10.67 km section of Shillong–Dawki Road at a cost of Rs 351 crore.
- Improvement of the 5.44 km Jowai Bypass with an investment of Rs 106 crore.

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Major boost to Meghalaya's infrastructure as Nitin Gadkari lays foundation stones of 6 National Highway projects

The Economic Times,
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Synopsis

Meghalaya's infrastructure receives a major boost with Union Minister Nitin Gadkari inaugurating and laying foundation stones for six highway projects worth over Rs 3,200 crore. These initiatives aim to enhance regional connectivity, improve travel times and foster economic growth.

In a major boost to Meghalaya's infrastructure landscape and regional connectivity, Nitin Gadkari, Union Minister for Road Transport and Highways laid the foundation stones for four new highway projects and upgradation of two existing National Highways worth a cumulative investment of Rs 3,214 crore at a programme held at Polo Grounds, Shillong.

These projects will be a big step in improving regional connectivity, upgradation of transport networks, facilitating trade and commerce and expediting socio-economic development across Meghalaya and the Northeast. The initiatives are likely to improve mobility, reduce

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travel time, enhance logistics efficiency and open new avenues for tourism, investment and employment generation.

Nitin Gadkari, Union Minister informed that Meghalaya is currently witnessing road and infrastructure investments worth over Rs 52,400 crore. He stated that projects spanning approximately 820 kilometres worth Rs 6,200 crore have already been completed, while projects covering 310 kilometres worth Rs 6,400 crore are under implementation. In addition, projects spanning nearly 450 kilometres worth around Rs 40,000 crore are in various stages of planning and execution. He highlighted Meghalaya's growing prominence as a tourism destination and stressed the need to create employment-generating opportunities through investments in infrastructure, hospitality, entrepreneurship, and allied sectors.

Gadkari remarked, "The roads that have been inaugurated today, and the roads whose foundation stones have been laid today, are not just meant for travel and transportation. They are the architects of the future of the people living here. They will change lives and open new avenues of employment."

Union Minister also announced additional connectivity initiatives for the State and reiterated the Government of India's commitment to supporting Meghalaya's development aspirations through world-class infrastructure and enhanced regional connectivity and reaffirmed the Central Government's support for the growth of the State, transforming Meghalaya into one of the country's leading growth centres.

The inauguration and foundation stone laying ceremony complements the Government of Meghalaya's ongoing efforts to strengthen critical infrastructure and create new avenues for growth and development. The State has undertaken several transformative initiatives to improve connectivity, expand economic opportunities and enhance the ease of living of its citizens.

Conrad K Sangma Chief Minister noted that the State has received road and infrastructure projects worth over Rs 50,000 crore during the last twelve years, which has significantly strengthened connectivity and accelerated economic growth across the State.

The Chief Minister further said that infrastructure development remains a critical pillar of Meghalaya's growth strategy and emphasized that investments in roads and highways have brought tangible improvements to the lives of citizens by enhancing access to markets, services, healthcare, education, and economic opportunities. "Development comes in three forms - development that we hear about, development that we see, and most importantly, development that we feel. The true measure of development is when it brings a real change in people's lives and improves the quality of life of our citizens," he noted.

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As Meghalaya continues its path to becoming a leading growth hub in the Northeast, infrastructure development continues to be at the heart of the State's development strategy. Through sustained investments in roads, tourism infrastructure, digital connectivity, urban development, sports and entrepreneurship, the State is laying the foundations of a resilient and future-ready economy in a systematic manner.

The projects announced during the programme include the foundation stone laying of the Pynursla Bypass (NH-206), a 7.76 km project with an investment of Rs 564 crore; Dhubri-Phulbari Bridge to Selsella stretch (NH-127B), spanning 31.5 km at a cost of Rs 737 crore; the 29 km Tura Bypass (NH-217) project worth Rs 951 crore; and the 31.7 km Selsella-Goeragre road project (NH-206) with an investment of Rs 504 crore.

Gadkari also upgraded key connectivity enhancement projects including the Shillong-Dawki Road (NH-106/206), covering 10.67 km at a cost of Rs 351 crore, and the Jowai Bypass (NH-40E and NH-44), spanning 5.44 km with an investment of Rs 106 crore. Collectively, these six National Highway projects are expected to significantly improve connectivity, facilitate economic activity, and strengthen Meghalaya's transportation network.

The projects are expected to enhance connectivity along strategic corridors, access to remote areas, movement of goods and services and support the growth of key sectors such as tourism, agriculture, logistics, trade and small-scale enterprises. Enhanced connectivity is also expected to contribute to greater regional integration and economic prosperity for communities in Meghalaya and the Northeast region.

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Centre Clears Final Alignment for Rs 16,000 Crore Patna Ring Road: Report
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Patna Ring Road is being developed in eight phases and will connect strategic locations including Kanhauli, Sherpur, Sarai, Kacchi Dargah, Bidupur, Chak Sikandar, Dighwara and Didarganj.

The Centre's approval of the final alignment for the eighth phase of the Patna Ring Road has cleared one of the last major hurdles for the RS 16,000 crore project.

Conceived nearly 20 years ago, the Patna Ring Road is intended to take heavy traffic out of the city and improve road links with neighbouring districts such as Vaishali and Saran.

"The works on the project was started about two decades ago and is now on track for completion, potentially reshaping Patna on the lines of Delhi-NCR," RCD minister Kumar Shailendra was quoted as saying by Hindustan Times.

The ring road is being developed in eight phases and will connect strategic locations including Kanhauli, Sherpur, Sarai, Kacchi Dargah, Bidupur, Chak Sikandar, Dighwara and Didarganj.

The corridor will feature multiple six-lane stretches, grade separators, flyovers, underpasses and major bridges across the Ganga and other waterways.

The approval of the final section between Dighwara and Sarai will help integrate several national highways and improve the movement of both passengers and freight across north and south Bihar.

While some stretches have already been completed, others are under construction or nearing the tender stage.

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“Recent steps, including the clearance for the last leg (from Dighwara to Sarai), signal that the long wait may finally be ending. The project is being executed in phases, with significant portions now either complete, under construction or ready for tendering,” Shailendra added.

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Maharashtra Government Issues Final Notification For Nagpur–Goa Shaktipeeth Expressway, Land Surveys To Begin Across 298 Villages
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Map of Maharashtra (X) (File Photo)

The Maharashtra government has issued the final notification for the 856-km Nagpur–Goa Shaktipeeth Expressway, enabling land surveys and acquisition processes to begin across the project corridor.

The notification enables the Maharashtra State Road Development Corporation (MSRDC) to begin joint surveys in 298 villages where procedural work is still pending.

The project is one of Chief Minister Devendra Fadnavis’s flagship infrastructure initiatives and is designed to connect Vidarbha with Goa through a high-speed corridor linking several prominent Shaktipeeth pilgrimage destinations.

Stretching approximately 856 km, the access-controlled expressway will pass through 13 districts, 40 talukas and 409 villages.

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The proposed route will run from Digraj in Wardha district to Banda in Sindhudurg district, traversing regions including Yavatmal, Hingoli, Nanded, Parbhani, Beed, Latur, Dharashiv, Solapur, Sangli, Satara and Kolhapur.

With an estimated investment of Rs 1.01 lakh crore, the corridor is expected to reduce travel time between Nagpur and Goa from around 21 hours to just eight hours once the highway becomes operational.

Speaking in Kolhapur, higher and technical education minister Chandrakant Patil said public concerns surrounding the project were similar to those witnessed during the initial stages of the Samruddhi Expressway.

Patil said the announcement of land acquisition rates and compensation, expected within a week, would encourage landowners to cooperate, much like they did during previous large-scale projects.

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Haryana Clears Rs 912.7 Crore RDSS Power Infrastructure Package To Expand Substations, Smart Grid Systems And Network Capacity

Business Standard,
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The newly sanctioned package focuses on strengthening grid infrastructure, reducing technical losses and improving service reliability across the state.

Haryana has approved a fresh round of power sector investments worth Rs 912.7 crore under the Centre's Revamped Distribution Sector Scheme (RDSS), reinforcing its push towards a stronger and more efficient electricity distribution network.

The approval was granted by the Distribution Reforms Committee (DRC), chaired by Chief Secretary Anurag Rastogi, with the proposal now set to be forwarded to the Power Finance Corporation and the Ministry of Power for final consideration under the national reform programme.

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It includes Rs 169 crore for loss-reduction measures in the Palwal Circle covering Palwal and Nuh districts, Rs 414 crore for the establishment of 30 new 33-kV substations and the upgrading of 72 existing facilities, and Rs 329.7 crore for the deployment of Supervisory Control and Data Acquisition (SCADA) and Distribution Management Systems (DMS) in Hisar and several other towns.

The substation projects will add nearly 1,175 MVA of transformation capacity, helping meet growing demand from residential, agricultural and industrial consumers.

The SCADA and DMS systems are expected to modernise grid operations through real-time monitoring, faster fault identification and quicker restoration of electricity supply.

The review meeting also highlighted Haryana's strong performance in power sector reforms.

Aggregate Technical and Commercial (AT&C) losses have declined sharply in both state distribution companies, falling below 10 per cent and significantly outperforming the national average. Billing efficiency has also improved steadily, while collection efficiency remains close to 100 per cent.

Under RDSS, projects worth nearly Rs 6,700 crore have already been sanctioned for Haryana's two power utilities, with implementation progressing across multiple districts.

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