

NEWSLETTER

CONSTRUCTION INFRASTRUCTURE UPDATES

MONDAY, MARCH 09, 2026

^ TOP

CFI is now on social media! We'd love your support in increasing our visibility. Please take a moment to like and share our posts. Your engagement will certainly help us reach more people! Check us out here: [CFI LinkedIn](#).

Thank you for your support!

- ✚ [PM Modi Launches Major Delhi Infrastructure Push With Metro And GPRA Projects Worth Around Rs 33,500 Crore](#)
- ✚ [India Moves Closer To Training 85,000 Chip Designers As Semiconductor Mission Expands To 500 Institutions](#)
- ✚ [Gujarat Approves Rs 1,185 Crore Road Projects Across Surat Economic Region To Improve Industrial Links](#)
- ✚ [Railways Plans 50-Year PPP Concession And Full Land Acquisition Support To Attract Rs 35,800 Crore Private Investment: Report](#)
- ✚ [Tamil Nadu Notifies Rs 27,400 Crore Parandur Airport As 'Special Project', Fast-Tracks Land Consolidation For Mega Greenfield Hub](#)
- ✚ [Maharashtra Government Reviews Land Acquisition For Shaktipeeth Highway; Farmers' Concerns From Parbhani Under Discussion](#)

"Joining the Hands that Believe in Building Sustainably # Platform for Sustainable Infra"

[West Asia conflict: Contractors flag concerns with NHAI on rising costs, supply chain disruptions](#)

PM Modi Launches Major Delhi Infrastructure Push With Metro And GPRA Projects Worth Around Rs 33,500 Crore

Swarajya,
March 9, 2026

Prime Minister Narendra Modi on Sunday (8 March) inaugurated and laid the foundation stone for multiple development projects in Delhi worth around Rs 33,500 crore, including new Delhi Metro corridors and projects under the General Pool Residential Accommodation (GPRA) Redevelopment Plan.

Among the key projects, the Prime Minister inaugurated two new Delhi Metro corridors as part of projects worth about Rs 18,300 crore.

These include the Majlis Park-Maujpur Babarpur corridor on the Pink Line, with a length of around 12.3 Km, and the Deepali Chowk-Majlis Park corridor on the Magenta Line, with a length of around 9.9 Km.

The new metro connectivity is expected to benefit areas including Burari, Jagatpur-Wazirabad, Khajuri Khas, Bhajanpura, Yamuna Vihar, Madhuban Chowk, Haiderpur Badli Mor, Bhalaswa and Majlis Park.

The Prime Minister also laid the foundation stone for three new corridors under Delhi Metro's Phase V-A expansion, covering around 16.10 Km.

These corridors are R K Ashram Marg to Indraprastha, Aerocity to Indira Gandhi Airport Terminal-1, and Tughlakabad to Kalindi Kunj.

According to a PMO statement, these links are intended to improve connectivity to key parts of the national capital, including travel between Noida, South Delhi and the airport.

In the housing and government infrastructure segment, projects worth Rs 15,200 crore under the GPRA Redevelopment Plan were also inaugurated and had foundation stones laid for them.

The redevelopment spans Sarojini Nagar, Netaji Nagar, Kasturba Nagar and Srinivaspuri, and is aimed at modernising GPRA colonies and creating upgraded infrastructure for government employees and administrative offices.

Before the main programme, the Prime Minister also visited GPRA Type-5 quarters in Sarojini Nagar and hand over keys to female allottees.

The PMO said the GPRA projects are being executed through a self-sustaining financial model in which a limited portion of the project area is being monetised for commercial and residential use, with the proceeds funding the redevelopment.

"Joining the Hands that Believe in Building Sustainably # Platform for Sustainable Infra"

Under the plan, more than 9,350 modern flats for government employees and around 48 lakh square feet of office space are to be created, according to the PMO.

[^ TOP](#)

India Moves Closer To Training 85,000 Chip Designers As Semiconductor Mission Expands To 500 Institutions

Business Standard,
March 9, 2026

India has made notable progress in building a skilled semiconductor workforce as part of its broader strategy to strengthen domestic chip design and manufacturing capabilities, Union Minister Ashwini Vaishnaw has said.

Speaking about the government's talent development initiative under the Chips-to-Startups programme of the India Semiconductor Mission, the minister noted that the country has already made significant headway towards its ten-year goal of training 85,000 semiconductor design engineers.

The programme focuses on training students in semiconductor design through access to advanced Electronic Design Automation tools.

These tools, provided by leading global companies including Synopsys, Cadence, Siemens, Renesas, Ansys and AMD, have been deployed across 315 academic institutions in India.

With these platforms, students gain hands-on experience in designing semiconductor chips.

Their designs are subsequently fabricated and tested at the Semiconductor Laboratory in Mohali, enabling practical exposure across the entire semiconductor value chain, including design, fabrication, packaging and testing.

Officials say the initiative has evolved into the world's largest open-access Electronic Design Automation training programme. More than 1.85 crore hours of tool usage have already been recorded as students across the country actively participate in chip design projects.

Students from institutions across India, from Assam and Gujarat to Kashmir and Kanyakumari, are now involved in semiconductor design training, reflecting the programme's nationwide reach and its contribution to strengthening India's technological capabilities.

The government also plans to expand the initiative under the upcoming India Semiconductor Mission 2.0. The number of participating academic institutions will increase from 315 to 500, creating a broader pipeline of trained engineers in semiconductor design and related fields.

With the global semiconductor industry projected to grow from around \$800–900 billion today to nearly \$2 trillion in the coming years, the government believes India is well positioned to tap into rising demand for skilled professionals.

[^ TOP](#)

"Joining the Hands that Believe in Building Sustainably # Platform for Sustainable Infra"

Gujarat Approves Rs 1,185 Crore Road Projects Across Surat Economic Region To Improve Industrial Links

Swarajya,
March 9, 2026

The Gujarat government has approved Rs 1,185 crore worth of road infrastructure upgrades across the Surat Economic Region (SER).

Chief Minister Bhupendra Patel cleared the first phase of works covering 24 road projects spanning 383 km across five districts of South Gujarat.

The upgrades are part of a broader regional development strategy designed to accelerate economic growth and improve logistics efficiency across the region.

The Surat Economic Region includes Surat, Bharuch, Navsari, Valsad, Tapi and Dang districts, which together contribute more than 35 per cent of Gujarat's economic output.

The initiative forms part of a larger development roadmap prepared by the Gujarat State Institution for Transformation (GRIT), which was established to guide long-term economic planning for the state.

Under this framework, regional economic master plans have been developed for six growth hubs across Gujarat.

[^ TOP](#)

Railways Plans 50-Year PPP Concession And Full Land Acquisition Support To Attract Rs 35,800 Crore Private Investment: Report

PTI,
March 9, 2026

Indian Railways is preparing to overhaul its long-standing public-private partnership (PPP) policy in a bid to attract greater private investment into rail infrastructure projects. The proposed changes aim to reduce risk for private developers while providing greater certainty for long-term returns.

According to a TOI report, officials have said two major amendments are under consideration. The first is extending concession periods to 50 years, significantly longer than the existing range of 20 to 35 years.

The second change would see the Railways assume full responsibility for land acquisition, including both the process and the associated costs.

The revised policy comes as the national transporter prepares to roll out 15 PPP projects worth about Rs 35,800 crore by March 2028.

These include projects for new railway lines, track doubling works, and station redevelopment initiatives designed to modernise the rail network and expand freight capacity.

"Joining the Hands that Believe in Building Sustainably # Platform for Sustainable Infra"

“We have forwarded some projects under PPP for final approval and more will be added to the list. The two critical changes will take care of all risks any project faces,” a railway official was quoted as saying.

[^ TOP](#)

Tamil Nadu Notifies Rs 27,400 Crore Parandur Airport As ‘Special Project’, Fast-Tracks Land Consolidation For Mega Greenfield Hub

Swarajya,
March 9, 2026

The Tamil Nadu government has formally classified the proposed Parandur greenfield airport as a “Special Project”, a move expected to accelerate land consolidation and acquisition for the large-scale aviation infrastructure development.

A gazette notification issued on 2 March brought the project under the provisions of the Tamil Nadu Land Consolidation (for Special Projects) Act, 2023, which is designed to streamline land procurement for projects requiring extensive contiguous land parcels.

Under the legislation, projects requiring more than 100 hectares of land can be designated as special projects, enabling authorities to simplify acquisition and approval procedures.

Officials say the classification is particularly relevant for the Parandur airport project because the designated site includes multiple water bodies and fragmented land holdings, making conventional land acquisition processes more complicated.

By invoking the Act, the state hopes to expedite consolidation and facilitate smoother approvals for the project.

So far, the government has secured about 1,700 acres of land, part of the 5,746 acres (2,172.72 hectares) required for the proposed airport.

[^ TOP](#)

Maharashtra Government Reviews Land Acquisition For Shaktipeeth Highway; Farmers’ Concerns From Parbhani Under Discussion

Swarajya,
March 9, 2026



MP Sanjay Jadhav, MLA Rajesh Vitekar, Additional Chief Secretary of the Revenue Department Vikas Kharge, Additional Chief Secretary of the Public Works Department Milind Mhaiskar were present for the meeting alongside Revenue Minister Chandrashekhar Bawankule

The Maharashtra government is reviewing concerns raised by farmers over land acquisition for the proposed Shaktipeeth Highway, with Revenue Minister Chandrashekhar Bawankule stating that a final decision will be taken after consultations with Chief Minister Devendra Fadnavis.

Bawankule said the proposed highway will pass through 20 villages in Parbhani district, where farmers have voiced strong reservations about land measurement and acquisition.

Their concerns were discussed during a meeting held at the minister's office, attended by local representatives, senior officials and farmers from affected villages.

Among those present were MP Sanjay Jadhav, MLA Rajesh Vitekar, Additional Chief Secretary (Revenue) Vikas Kharge and Additional Chief Secretary (Public Works) Milind Mhaiskar.

The Parbhani District Collector joined the discussion through video conference and outlined the difficulties faced by farmers during the land measurement and acquisition process.

Officials noted that the Shaktipeeth Highway will pass through multiple districts across Maharashtra.

Survey and land measurement work for the project has already reached 60–70 per cent completion in several districts, while Wardha district has completed nearly 90 per cent of the process.

However, the situation in Parbhani remains complex as most of the land along the proposed corridor is under agricultural cultivation. Farmers have therefore opposed both the survey work and the acquisition process.

During the meeting, MP Jadhav highlighted the scale of resistance from local farmers, while several landowners also presented their concerns directly to the minister.

“Joining the Hands that Believe in Building Sustainably # Platform for Sustainable Infra”

Separately, Bawankule directed officials to accelerate work on the greenfield corridor linking Jawaharlal Nehru Port Trust (JNPT) with the Pune–Mumbai Expressway.

The project involves the construction of a 29 km six-lane highway between Pagote and Chowk along National Highway 348.

The corridor will pass through 29 villages in Uran, Panvel and Khalapur talukas of Raigad district and will include six bridges and two tunnels. Officials said the project is being expedited in line with instructions from Union Minister Nitin Gadkari.

[^ TOP](#)

West Asia conflict: Contractors flag concerns with NHAI on rising costs, supply chain disruptions

The financial Express,
March 9, 2026

NHAI assures maintaining fuel, raw material supplies

The highway builders and contractors in their meeting with the National Highways Authority of India (NHAI) have flagged challenges that they may face on the cost front due to conflict in West Asia and have sought steps for timely compensation.

Escalating Input Costs

The meeting was called by Chairman of NHAI Santosh Yadav who assured that they are in continuous coordination with Indian Oil Corporation which has confirmed sufficient stock availability of fuel and bitumen, with no major supply disruptions anticipated.

He also assured that adequate supplies of fuel, bitumen, and other essential inputs would be maintained and the evolving situation is being monitored at the highest levels.

The National Highways Builders Federation (NBHF) that represented the industry said prices of bitumen – that comprises 15% of the construction cost – have been raised by Rs 2000 per tonne mid cycle. The prices are adjusted on the 15th of every month. A tonne of bitumen normally costs Rs 38,000 to Rs 60,000 per tonne depending on the grade. To compensate contractors for price escalation, the review of the costs should be monthly and not every 3 months.

For Highways building contractors procure diesel under bulk consumer category. Though retail prices of diesel may not be raised, the oil companies have indicated a probable price hike of Rs 20-30 per litre. Diesel is 10% of the cost of highways and the contractors fear that they may get no compensation as the contract price indexation is linked to retail diesel prices.

The contractors have also raised apprehension over likely rise in prices of cement by Rs 25-30 per bag. This increase could be due to increase in the cost of fuel and other raw material like limestone procured from West Asia. Cement is again 15% of the cost of highway construction and could put pressure on the finances of contractors. Other pressure points could come from steel prices as energy costs soar.

“Joining the Hands that Believe in Building Sustainably # Platform for Sustainable Infra”

For these inputs too the NHBF has sought more frequent price adjustments- monthly rather quarterly.

They have also sought relief for Build Operate Transfer (BoT) Toll Operate Transfer (ToT) projects which may face traffic and toll revenue reductions due to disruptions in trade and logistics, reduced industrial and commercial activity.

NHAI Assures Monitoring

The NHAI has advised contractors were advised to immediately approach NHAI Regional Offices and field authorities in case of supply disruptions. It has also said NHAI would coordinate with local administrative authorities to ensure uninterrupted material availability.

NHAI chairman also assured that regular meetings will be held with the contractors to monitor developments and address industry concerns proactively.

[^ TOP](#)