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Gadkari To Inaugurate And Lay Foundation Stones Of Road Projects Worth Over Rs 1,552 Crore In Telangana Tomorrow

Swarajya,
May 04, 2025

Union Minister for Road Transport and Highways Nitin Gadkari is set to inaugurate and lay foundation stones for road projects worth Rs 5,413 crore in Telangana on 5 May.

This was announced by Telangana BJP president and Union Minister G Kishan Reddy during a press conference held at the party headquarters on Saturday (3 May).

He highlighted that in the last 10 yrs, the Modi government has significantly expanded Telangana's national highway network from 2,500 km to around 5,200 km, with investments worth Rs 1.25 lakh crore, connecting 32 districts.

Connectivity is set to improve further across Telangana and neighbouring states with the development of several strategic national highways which include the Hyderabad–Mumbai and Nagpur corridors, the Warangal–Bhupalapally stretch, the Vijayawada–Chennai route, and the Kurnool–Bengaluru road, all enhancing regional mobility, trade, and overall economic integration.

Among the highlights will be the inauguration of a 1.47 km flyover in Amberpet, Hyderabad, built at a cost of Rs 330 crore.

After inspecting the Amberpet flyover on Saturday, Reddy posted on X that the flyover will be inaugurated by Gadkari.

Apart from this, the Rs 895 crore-worth inauguration will also include the 10 km Aramgarh–Shamshabad 6-lane road on NH-44 and flyover at BHEL Junction, multiple underpasses, service roads, and junction upgrades in Medak and Kamareddy.

Collectively spanning over 22 km, these projects, worth hundreds of crores, aim to decongest traffic, boost connectivity, and improve travel efficiency along critical National Highway corridors.

The foundation stone will be laid for six vital road projects worth Rs 657.27 crore, covering 20.87 km.

Key developments include the junction elimination and convenience facilities in Tekumatla on NH-65 (Hyderabad–Vijayawada Section) covering 10.69 km at a cost of Rs 422.12 crore, and a 1 km, 6-lane underpass and service road at Dharmojigudem on NH-65 worth Rs 37.68 crore.

Additional projects feature a 1.26 km underpass at Balanagar on NH-44 (Hyderabad–Bengaluru Section) at Rs 31.56 crore, and 6-lane underpasses at Ankushapur and Kondamadugu Junctions (2.77 km) on NH-163 (Hyderabad–Yadgiri Section) for Rs 56.19 crore.

A 6-lane flyover at Ghatkesar Junction is being developed for Rs 68.95 crore on NH-163, while Komatpalli and Vellur Junctions will see 3.45 km of development and underpasses on NH-44 (Nagpur–Hyderabad Section) at a cost of Rs 40.77 crore.

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Respite to BoT famine in highway sector

FE Bureau,
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NHAI awards Agra-Gwalior Expressway BOT project to G R Infraprojects, NHAI provides Rs 820 crore support, project cost Rs 4,613 crore, 20-year concession, aims to revive private investment in BOT model, reduce NHAI debt, improve connectivity, decongest NH-44, boost logistics, includes wildlife protection measures.

The National Highway Authority of India (NHAI) on Wednesday awarded its second Build Operate Transfer (BoT) Toll project in recent times, signing an agreement for development of 88 km six lane access control Agra-Gwalior Expressway.

The project has been awarded to G R Infraprojects Ltd and as per the amended Model Concession Agreement (MCA) the NHAI will provide Rs 820 crore to the concessionaire which will be linked to the progress of the project. The total cost of the project is Rs 4,613 crore including the cost of land acquisition.

The move is significant given the dearth of pure-play private risk capital in highway projects for long years, which resulted in increased reliance on Budget funds to keep the pace of highway construction.

Implementation of EPC projects had inflated the NHAI's debt to Rs 3.5 lakh crore by the end of 2021-22, but it has since been on a declining trajectory, and is currently around Rs 2.76 lakh crore.

The concession period of the Agra-Gwalior Expressway contract is 20 years, including a construction period of 30 months.

Overlay/strengthening, road safety and improvement measures for the existing National Highway on NH-44 have also been included in the Agra-Gwalior project agreement which was signed in the presence of NHAI Chairman Santosh Kumar Yadav and senior officials of NHAI and the Concessionaire.

The Agra – Gwalior Greenfield Expressway will start from Deori Village in Agra and terminate at Susera Village in Gwalior, a statement by NHAI said.

Recently, NHAI signed a concession agreement to develop 121 km long Guwahati Ring Road on BoT (Toll) Mode. Both these projects are on the list of 15 greenfield projects of the total length of 937 km that the NHAI has decided to develop through BoT.

The government has been working to revive BoT mode as it wants to reduce the dependence on the general budget for highway development. Many steps have been taken, including changes in MCA to enable construction support to make BoT more attractive for private players. In BoT the developer bears the entire cost of building the highway and in return gets the right to collect toll from the users for 20 years.

The Agra-Gwalior expressway will pass through the states of Uttar Pradesh, Rajasthan, and Madhya Pradesh. It will not only provide high-speed connectivity between Agra and Gwalior but also will help to decongest various cities and industrial areas on the existing Agra-Gwalior Section of NH-44. "The expressway will cut travel time, reduce carbon footprint and enhance logistics efficiency

of commercial and freight movement between Agra, Dholpur, Morena and Gwalior,” the statement said.

The greenfield expressway will feature eight major bridges, 23 minor bridges, six flyovers, one Rail-Over-Bridge and 192 culverts. The project will also pass through the National Chambal wildlife century. As part of wildlife mitigation measures, a cable-stayed bridge on river Chambal has been planned for the conservation of ‘Gadiyal’ in the river waters. Apart from this, other Wildlife mitigation measures such as sound barriers and light cutters will also be provided on the bridge, the statement added.

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Amaravati Capital Works, Missile Test Range, Road And Rail Infra: PM Modi Launches Projects Worth Over Rs 58,000 Crore In Andhra Pradesh

PTI,

May 06, 2025

Prime Minister Narendra Modi on Friday (2 May) launched development works worth over Rs 58,000 crore in Andhra Pradesh's Amaravati.

Addressing the gathering on the occasion, PM Modi said that standing on the sacred land of Amaravati, he does not see just a city but a dream coming true—a new Amaravati, a new Andhra.

"Amaravati is a land where tradition and progress go hand in hand, embracing both the peace of its Buddhist heritage and the energy of building a developed India," the Prime Minister remarked, according to a PMO release.

He added that the projects for which the foundation stones and inaugurations have been laid are not just about concrete structures but the strong foundation of Andhra Pradesh's aspirations and India's vision for development.

Remarking that Indra Lok's capital was once called Amaravati, and now Amaravati is the capital of Andhra Pradesh, PM Modi emphasised that this is not a mere coincidence but a positive sign for the creation of 'Swarna Andhra', which will strengthen India's path toward development.

The Prime Minister highlighted that Amaravati will energise the vision of 'Swarna Andhra', making it a center for progress and transformation.

"Amaravati is not just a city, it is a force, it is the strength that will transform Andhra Pradesh into a modern state and a power that will transform Andhra Pradesh to an advanced state", PM Modi said in Telugu.

The projects launched by PM Modi included the inauguration of seven national highway projects in Andhra Pradesh, including widening of various sections of national highways, construction of road over bridge and subway among others.

These projects will further enhance road safety, create employment opportunities, provide seamless connectivity to religious and tourist places like Tirupati, Srikalahasti, Malakonda and Udayagiri Fort among others, according to a PMO release.

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In the railway sector, the Prime Minister dedicated key connectivity and capacity expansion works, including the doubling of the Bugganapalle Cement Nagar – Panyam rail line and a third line between New West Block Hut Cabin and Vijayawada stations.

He also laid the foundation stone for six additional NH projects and one railway project, including widening of various sections of National highways, construction of an elevated corridor, half cloverleaf interchanges, Road over bridge, and construction of a Rail Over Rail line between Guntakal West and Mallappa gate stations to bypass freight trains and reduce congestion at the Guntakal Junction.

A major highlight was the launch of core capital development works in Amaravati:

- Construction of Legislative Assembly, High Court, Secretariat, and housing for over 5,200 families (Rs 11,240 crore),
- Trunk infrastructure and flood mitigation projects featuring a 320 km world-class transport network with underground utilities and advanced flood management systems (Rs 17,400 crore),
- Road infrastructure under the Land Pooling Scheme, covering 1,281 km with central medians, cycle tracks, and integrated utilities across the capital city of Amaravati (Rs 20,400 crore).

The Prime Minister also laid the foundation for the Missile Test Range at Nagayalanka (Rs 1,460 crore), which houses a launch centre, technical instrumentation facilities, indigenous radars, telemetry and Electro-Optical systems, boosting India's strategic defence capabilities.

Another key development was foundation stone laying for PM Ekta Mall at Madhurawada, Visakhapatnam, intended to support the Make in India initiative, promote One District One Product, generate employment opportunities, empower rural artisans, and enhance the market presence of indigenous products.

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New Push For Safer Roads: Government Mulls District-Wise Road Safety Ratings Business Standard, May 03, 2025

Union Minister of Road Transport and Highways Nitin Gadkari on Thursday (1 May) directed his ministry to rank districts in road safety parameters on Thursday (May 1), the Times of India reported.

The initiative, inspired by the Swachhata (cleanliness) rankings for cities, will evaluate and publicly recognise the best and worst-performing districts based on key safety parameters.

The directive came during a comprehensive day-long brainstorming session on road safety, attended by officials from various ministries, state governments, and subject-matter experts.

According to sources cited in the ToI report, the ministry will collaborate with NITI Aayog to finalise the evaluation parameters.

Gadkari instructed officials to incorporate 'safe school zones' in the planning and development of new roads and road expansion projects.

District Road Safety Committees (DRSCs) will ensure this component is included during project evaluations.

DRSCs will also play a pivotal role in executing key central schemes, such as providing cashless medical treatment for road accident victims and offering monetary incentives to good Samaritans (helpful persons) who help transport victims to hospitals.

Addressing a suggestion to include expert support for DRSCs, Road Transport Secretary V Umashankar noted that industry associations like CII and FICCI could assist in this effort.

Several Indian states already have their own targeted initiatives on road safety.

Maharashtra has allocated Rs 150 crore to each district to bolster road safety infrastructure, including the deployment of CCTV surveillance and AI-powered monitoring systems as part of its e-enforcement strategy.

Rajasthan has established dedicated Road Safety Task Forces at the district level, aiming to halve road accidents and fatalities by 2030.

Jammu & Kashmir has introduced the Road Safety Policy 2025, which incorporates a comprehensive approach through the creation of a state road safety council and the implementation of a non-motorised transport policy.

Meanwhile, Visakhapatnam (Vizag) has emerged as a model for urban safety, achieving a 34.5 per cent reduction in road accidents in 2022 and earning the top spot among cities with populations exceeding 10 lakh.

Since 2021, the Ministry of Road Transport and Highways has had a "Scheme for grant of Award to the Good Samaritan who has saved life of a victim of a fatal accident involving a motor vehicle by administering immediate assistance and rushing to Hospital/Trauma Care Centre within the Golden Hour of the accident to provide medical treatment."

According to a government release, the amount of award for each Good Samaritan would be Rs 5,000 per incident.

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Kota And Puri Get In-Principle Approval For Greenfield Airports, Boosting Connectivity To Education And Pilgrimage Hubs

Swarajya,
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The Ministry of Civil Aviation has granted in-principle approval for the establishment of Greenfield airports in Kota in Rajasthan and Puri in Odisha.

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The announcement was made by Civil Aviation Minister Rammohan Naidu Kinjarapu on 5 May, under the broader vision of expanding aviation infrastructure across India as championed by Prime Minister Narendra Modi.

The approval for Kota Airport marks the culmination of persistent efforts by Shri Om Birla, Speaker of the Lok Sabha and MP from Kota-Bundi.

"Kota Airport, a long-awaited development is a result of consistent efforts by Shri Om Birla, Speaker of Lok Sabha and MP from Kota-Bundi, who has been actively pursuing the realisation of an airport for Kota," the press release noted.

The proposed airport is expected to serve not only Kota city, renowned as an educational and industrial hub, but also the wider Hadoti region, which has seen growing economic activity.

"With its establishment, Kota will be able to be [connected to] major destinations within India and internationally," the press release stated.

The press note also highlighted the decision to establish a Greenfield airport in Puri, one of India's most revered pilgrimage destinations.

"Puri, one of the most sacred pilgrimage sites in India and home to Lord Jagannath, attracts millions of devotees and tourists," the statement read.

The airport will dramatically improve accessibility to the temple town, giving a significant push to religious tourism and local development.

"This decision marks an important milestone for Puri and Odisha and is in line with the Government's commitment to strengthening last-mile air connectivity and making air travel accessible to all," the release added.

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