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World Bank Set To Approve Rs 2,800 Crore Loan For Gurugram Metro Phase II

Swarajya,
May 6, 2026

Gurugram's metro expansion is close to a key step, with Gurugram Metropolitan Rail Limited nearing approval of a major loan from the World Bank.

The proposed funding, pegged at approximately Rs 2,800 crore, is expected to cover around 60 per cent of the second phase of the Gurugram Metro project.

A World Bank delegation recently visited Panchkula after earlier consultations in Gurugram, where they assessed multiple aspects of the project, including planning, sustainability measures, and execution readiness.

According to a Hindustan Times report, the loan proposal is currently under advanced review, with approval anticipated by the end of July following a scheduled meeting of India's Department of Economic Affairs.

"The World Bank has its own parameters which need to be met. Our discussions were very positive, and it is expected that a meeting of the Department of Economic Affairs will be held in July and this loan will be approved," a GMRL official familiar with the development was quoted as saying by HT.

Project authorities have already completed key environmental and social impact assessments and are aligning with transit-oriented development principles, alongside strengthening last-mile connectivity, both crucial for securing international funding.

Preparatory steps for construction are underway, including coordination with the Haryana Shahari Vikas Pradhikaran to mark the alignment between Sector 9 and Cyber Hub.

The broader Old Gurugram Metro corridor spans 28.5 km and will be developed in phases.

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While the initial stretch is already in progress, the second phase, estimated at Rs 3,500 crore will extend connectivity deeper into key residential and commercial zones, with multiple new stations planned along the route.

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Telangana: PM Modi To Lay Foundation Stone For Rs 2,360 Crore Zaheerabad Industrial Smart City On 10 May
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Zaheerabad Industrial Area (Pic Credit: NICDC)

A major industrial development project is set to take shape in Telangana, with the proposed Integrated Industrial Smart City at Zaheerabad positioned as a key growth engine for the region.

The initiative, part of the broader Hyderabad–Nagpur Industrial Corridor, is scheduled to receive a formal push when Prime Minister Narendra Modi lays the foundation stone on 10 May.

Union Coal Minister G Kishan Reddy said the project will play a pivotal role in driving advanced manufacturing and economic expansion in the state.

The project is being developed at an estimated cost of Rs 2,360.54 crore.

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Spanning over 3,200 acres, the smart city is being planned as a comprehensive industrial ecosystem with modern infrastructure and dedicated zones for key sectors.

These include logistics, automobile components, electronics, machinery, metals, non-metallic minerals, and food processing. The aim is to create a cluster that supports both large industries and ancillary businesses.

Officials highlight that the project could attract investments exceeding Rs 10,000 crore and generate around 1.74 lakh employment opportunities by 2029.

Alongside industrial units, the development will include residential and commercial spaces, educational institutions, and skill training centres, creating a self-sustaining urban-industrial environment.

A strong emphasis is being placed on technology integration and sustainability, with plans for eco-friendly systems and plug-and-play facilities to ease business operations.

Its location along a major industrial corridor is expected to enhance connectivity and make it an attractive destination for investors.

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Tender For Rs 1,482 Crore Vizhinjam–Balaramapuram Rail Tunnel Set To Be Floated: Report

PTI,
May 6, 2026

The tender for the Vizhinjam–Balaramapuram railway tunnel, a key project to improve connectivity to the Vizhinjam International Seaport, is expected to be issued next week, according to a Times of India report.

The development marks an important step in integrating the port with the national rail network.

Officials indicated that all required approvals from the state government have already been secured.

The implementing authority, Vizhinjam International Seaport Limited, is currently waiting for the model code of conduct to be lifted before initiating the bidding process.

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Once this procedural hurdle is cleared, the tender will be released without delay.

VISL Managing Director Divya S Iyer confirmed that the project is ready to proceed. "All statutory clearances are in place, and the proceedings will go ahead as scheduled," she was quoted as saying in the TOI report.

The contract will be issued by Konkan Railway Corporation Limited, which has been tasked with executing the project.

Construction is expected to begin within two months of the contract award, starting from the Balaramapuram side, where land acquisition has already been completed.

Work on acquiring land in other sections is also nearing completion, with rehabilitation plans for affected residents already finalised.

The project involves building a 10.7 km rail corridor, with nearly 9.4 km running through an underground tunnel.

The tunnel will be constructed using the New Austrian Tunnelling Method at depths of up to 30 metres, helping to minimise disruption in densely populated areas.

With an estimated cost of Rs 1,482.92 crore, the rail link is expected to reduce reliance on road transport, ease congestion, and improve cargo movement efficiency.

Once operational, it will connect the port to the wider Indian Railways network, strengthening freight connectivity across southern and western India. Completion is targeted by 2028.

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Union Cabinet Approves Rs 3,936 Crore Semiconductor Projects In Gujarat, Including India's First GaN-Based Micro-LED Facility
Business Standard,
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The Union Cabinet led by Prime Minister Narendra Modi has cleared two new projects under the India Semiconductor Mission.

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The proposals involve a combined investment of around Rs 3,936 crore and are expected to generate employment for over 2,200 skilled workers.

Both facilities will be set up in Gujarat, reinforcing the state's growing role as a semiconductor manufacturing hub. One of the projects, led by Crystal Matrix Limited, will establish an integrated unit in Dholera.

This facility will focus on compound semiconductor fabrication and assembly, while also producing advanced Mini and Micro-LED display modules using Gallium Nitride (GaN) technology, marking the country's first commercial venture of its kind.

The plant is expected to produce 72,000 square metres of display panels annually, along with 24,000 sets of GaN epitaxy wafers.

These components will cater to a wide range of applications, from televisions and smartphones to automotive displays and emerging technologies such as extended reality devices and smart wearables.

The second project, by Suchi Semicon Private Limited, involves setting up an Outsourced Semiconductor Assembly and Test (OSAT) facility in Surat.

The unit will manufacture discrete semiconductor components, with a projected capacity exceeding one billion chips annually.

These are intended for use in sectors such as automotive systems, industrial automation, and consumer electronics.

With these approvals, the total number of projects under the India Semiconductor Mission rises to 12, attracting cumulative investments of about Rs 1.64 lakh crore.

The move complements the country's expanding chip design ecosystem, supported by government-backed initiatives across academic institutions and start-ups.

The sector is already seeing progress, with some approved projects entering production and others nearing commercial rollout.

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Centre Clears Rs 23,437 Crore Rail Projects To Add 901 Km Of New Lines Across Key Freight Corridors In Six States

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May 6, 2026

The Cabinet Committee on Economic Affairs, chaired by Prime Minister Narendra Modi, has approved three major railway capacity expansion projects worth around Rs 23,437 crore.

The projects, undertaken by Indian Railways, will collectively add about 901 km of additional track length, spanning 19 districts across Madhya Pradesh, Rajasthan, Uttar Pradesh, Karnataka, Andhra Pradesh and Telangana.

Key projects approved:

- Nagda–Mathura 3rd and 4th Line
- Guntakal–Wadi 3rd and 4th Line
- Burhwal–Sitapur 3rd and 4th Line

These routes are among the most heavily used sections in the network, and the addition of extra lines is expected to significantly reduce bottlenecks, improve punctuality, and enhance overall service reliability.

The projects are expected to deliver wide-ranging regional and economic benefits, particularly by improving connectivity for nearly 4,161 villages and a population of around 8.3 million people.

They will also make it easier to access key tourist and pilgrimage destinations, including Mahakaleshwar Temple, Ranthambore National Park, Mathura, Vrindavan and Naimisharanya.

In addition, the expansion is likely to generate employment and stimulate local economies through increased infrastructure activity and related opportunities.

These railway corridors play a critical role in the movement of bulk goods such as coal, cement, fertilisers, petroleum products, iron ore and steel.

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With the addition of new lines, the network’s capacity is set to rise substantially, enabling the handling of an estimated 60 million tonnes of extra freight each year and easing congestion on existing routes.

From an environmental perspective, the shift towards rail-based transport is expected to bring notable gains.

As a more energy-efficient mode compared to road transport, it will help reduce fuel consumption by roughly 370 million litres while cutting carbon emissions by nearly 1.85 billion kilograms.

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Delhi Metro Phase V (B) gets green signal: Over 97 kms of metro expansion, 65 new stations, and 7 new routes

The Financial Express,
May 6, 2026

The Delhi Metro Phase V(B) expansion project has finally received approval. The project will add over 97 km of new metro corridors spreading across seven different routes and include the construction of 65 new stations.

Attention Delhiites! Commuting in the national capital is all set to become much smoother and more convenient, especially for residents of Najafgarh, Narela, Mithapur, and Khera, following the official approval of the Delhi Metro Phase V(B) expansion project. This new metro expansion is expected to dramatically improve last-mile connectivity, making it much easier for commuters to reach metro stations and their final destinations.

Delhi Metro Phase V (B): All you need to know

The ambitious project includes constructing over 97 kilometers of new metro lines across seven fresh routes, along with 65 new stations. This significant expansion aims to greatly improve connectivity in underserved areas of the national capital.

Delhi Chief Minister Rekha Gupta welcomed the development, stating that Phase V(B) of the Delhi Metro will enhance last-mile connectivity and make daily travel easier for residents in these regions.

The project is expected to be completed by 2029. Full details of the new routes, their lengths, and station lists are given below.

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7 New routes in Delhi Metro Phase V(B): 97.16 km network with 65 stations

S. No.	Route	Length (km)	Stations
1	Dhansa Bus Stand – Nangloi	11.86 km	9 stations
2	Central Secretariat – Kishangarh	15.97 km	10 stations
3	Samaypur Badli – Narela	12.89 km	8 stations
4	Kirti Nagar – Palam	9.96 km	6 stations
5	Jor Bagh – Mithapur	16.99 km	12 stations
6	Shastri Park – Mayur Vihar Phase III	13.2 km	8 stations
7	Keshavpuram – Rohini Sector 34	16.29 km	12 stations
Total		97.16 km	65 Stations

Delhi Metro Phase V(B): ₹48,204 Crore mega infrastructure project

The estimated cost of the Delhi Metro Phase V(B) expansion is ₹48,204 crore. This investment will support the construction of new metro lines and the development of multiple stations planned under Phase V(B), improving connectivity across Delhi.

DPR sent to the Central Government for Delhi Metro Phase V(B)

The Detailed Project Report (DPR) for the Delhi Metro Phase V(B) expansion has been submitted to the Central Government for review. The project is now awaiting final Cabinet approval and financial clearance before construction work can officially begin.

Delhi Metro Phase V(B): Better connectivity across Delhi

The new metro routes will connect areas such as Najafgarh, Narela, Mithapur, and Khara more efficiently to the rest of the city, making travel easier for people living in these regions. Many of these areas currently have limited direct public transport options, which makes daily commuting difficult. With better metro links, residents will be able to travel seamlessly to major commercial and residential hubs.

How will Delhi Metro Phase V(B) improve last-mile connectivity?

The expansion will make it easier for people to reach metro stations and their final destinations, reducing dependence on other local transport. Better integration with feeder services, e-rickshaws, and buses is expected to improve overall accessibility. This means commuters can complete their entire journey more smoothly, without multiple transfers.

How will more metro lines help ease Delhi's traffic pressure?

The addition of new metro lines under Delhi Metro Phase V(B) is expected to reduce the burden on Delhi's road network. As more people shift from private vehicles to the metro, the

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number of cars, bikes, and buses on busy roads will go down. This will help ease daily traffic pressure, especially during peak hours.

With faster and more reliable travel options, commuters will prefer the metro over road transport, leading to smoother traffic flow and less congestion across key routes in the city.

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