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NITI Aayog Revamps PPP Framework For Multimodal Logistics Parks, Pushes Station Redevelopment And Integrated Sports Infrastructure Projects  
Swarajya,  
May 15, 2026

NITI Aayog is working with multiple central ministries to strengthen public-private partnership frameworks for major infrastructure projects, including multimodal logistics parks, railway station redevelopment and integrated sports complexes, according to its Annual Report 2025–26.

One of the key focus areas is the revision of the model concession agreement for multimodal logistics parks being developed alongside the Ministry of Road Transport and Highways and National Highways Logistics Management Limited.

The updated framework is intended to improve investor confidence and make projects more financially sustainable and easier to execute.

The revised agreement is undergoing extensive consultations to improve project viability, bankability and participation from private developers.

The move is expected to support the government’s broader logistics modernisation programme aimed at reducing transportation costs and improving freight movement efficiency across the country.

The policy think tank has also been assisting the Ministry of Railways in evaluating redevelopment proposals for Vijayawada railway station in Andhra Pradesh.

The project includes the modernisation and operation of the station through a public-private partnership structure while unlocking commercial potential from adjoining land parcels.

According to the report, the station redevelopment initiative has already received in-principle approval and has now entered the bidding phase.

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The project is designed as a brownfield redevelopment model combining transport infrastructure with commercial development to improve passenger amenities and generate additional revenue streams.

Separately, NITI Aayog has collaborated with the Ministry of Youth Affairs and Sports to develop a concession framework for integrated sports stadiums under the PPP model.

The proposed structure follows the DBFOT approach — design, build, finance, operate and transfer to create multi-purpose sports infrastructure aligned with international standards.

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## Cabinet Clears Nagpur Airport Modernisation Under Long-Term PPP Model

Swarajya,  
May 15, 2026

The Union Cabinet has approved the upgradation and modernisation of Nagpur International Airport through a long-term Public-Private Partnership model, extending the Airports Authority of India land lease to MIHAN India Limited beyond August 2039.

The extension will allow MIL to licence the airport to GMR Nagpur International Airport Limited for 30 years from the Commercial Operation Date.

The decision marks a major milestone in Nagpur airport's journey to becoming a regional aviation hub under the Multi-modal International Cargo Hub and Airport at Nagpur project.

GNIAL will transform Dr Babasaheb Ambedkar International Airport into a world-class facility with phased development envisaged to reach the ultimate capacity of handling 30 million passengers annually, positioning it as a key airport in Central India.

The airport's privatisation journey has been lengthy and contentious.

In 2016, MIL floated a global tender for identifying a partner to operate the airport under the PPP model, with GMR Airports emerging as the highest bidder with a quoted revenue share of 5.76 per cent, later revised to 14.49 per cent of gross revenue.

MIL annulled the bidding process in March 2020, which was challenged by GMR before the Bombay High Court, and ultimately MIL signed a concession agreement with GNIAL in October 2024 after the Supreme Court's judgement.

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MIL was formed in 2009 as a joint venture company by AAI and Maharashtra Airport Development Company with an equity structure of 49:51 respectively, though the lease deed got delayed due to land demarcation issues, with AAI land subsequently leased to MIL up to 6 August 2039.

The extension of the lease period now becomes co-terminus with the 30-year concession period of GNIAL, paving the way for handing over the airport to the joint venture company.

The transformation is set to enhance connectivity within the Vidarbha region and strengthen its economic infrastructure, with cargo handling capabilities also significantly boosted.

Union Home Minister Amit Shah congratulated the people of Nagpur, stating the move will elevate Nagpur's stature as a global destination and open its glorious heritage for a bigger global audience.

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**India's First Semi-High-Speed Rail Project To Link Ahmedabad With Dholera As PM Modi-Led CCEA Clears Rs 20,667 Crore Plan**  
Swarajya,  
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The Prime Minister Narendra Modi-led Cabinet Committee on Economic Affairs (CCEA) today (13 May) approved Ahmedabad (Sarkhej)–Dholera Semi High-Speed Double Line project of the Ministry of Railways with total cost of around Rs 20,667 crore.

The project covering Ahmedabad district in Gujarat will increase the existing network of Indian Railways by about 134 Km.

This will be Indian Railways first semi high-speed project, planned with indigenously developed technology, the Ministry of Railways said in a statement.

According to the ministry, the project section will provide faster connectivity between Ahmedabad, Dholera SIR, upcoming Dholera Airport and Lothal National Maritime Heritage Complex (NHMC).

Connecting Ahmedabad with Dholera will cut down passenger travel time enabling comfortable daily commuting and same-day return trips.

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This semi high speed railway would not only bring two cities closer but also bring the people living hundreds of kilometers away, closer to each other, the ministry said.

"As India's first semi high-speed rail project, the project will serve as a pioneer project acting as a reference model for the phased expansion of semi high-speed rail across the country," the ministry said.

The new line proposal will provide direct connectivity and improve mobility, providing enhanced efficiency and service reliability for Indian Railways.

According to the ministry, the project is planned on PM-Gati Shakti National Master Plan with focus on enhancing multi-modal connectivity and logistic efficiency through integrated planning and stakeholder consultations.

The proposed projects will enhance connectivity to around 284 villages, which are having a population of about 5 lakh, the ministry said.

According to the ministry, the railways being environment friendly and energy efficient mode of transportation, will help both in achieving climate goals and minimising logistics cost of the country, reduce oil import (0.48 Crore Litres) and lower CO2 emissions (2 Crore Kg) which is equivalent to plantation of 10 (Ten) Lakh trees.

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## Maharashtra Government Approves Rs 104.48 Crore Land Acquisition For Gadchiroli Greenfield Airport

The Business Standard,  
May 14, 2026

The Maharashtra government has approved Rs 104.48 crore for land acquisition linked to the proposed greenfield airport in Gadchiroli.

The project is being strongly backed by Chief Minister Devendra Fadnavis, who also serves as the guardian minister of the district.

The approval covers the acquisition of nearly 312 hectares of land spread across Shirapur Chak, Guruwala, Hirapur and Rakhi villages.

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The proposed airport will require a combination of private, government and forest land, with the Maharashtra Airport Development Company (MADC) appointed as the nodal agency responsible for executing the project and overseeing the acquisition process.

According to the government resolution issued by the General Administration Department, around Rs 76.99 crore has been earmarked for acquiring more than 245 hectares of privately owned land.

An additional Rs 10.07 crore has been sanctioned for the diversion of forest land required for the airport layout and supporting infrastructure.

The total approved expenditure also includes compensation payments, administrative expenses under the Land Acquisition Act, implementation costs and a provision for future escalation in project expenditure.

Authorities have further approved the transfer of over 31 hectares of government land to MADDC without charge to expedite the project timeline.

Officials said the latest decision replaces an earlier land acquisition proposal issued in December 2024 concerning villages including Murkhala, Pulkhal, and Kaneri, with the revised plan now focusing on a different land cluster better suited for the airport's development requirements.

The Gadchiroli airport project is expected to play a strategic role in transforming one of Maharashtra's most remote districts by improving air connectivity, attracting investment and supporting industrial expansion already underway in the region.

Improved transport infrastructure is also likely to strengthen logistics, tourism and access to essential services in the district.

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IRB Infra Trust offers to sell two BOT highway assets worth Rs 4,663 crore to IRB InvIT Fund

The Economic Times,  
May 15, 2026

**Synopsis**

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*IRB Infrastructure Trust has offered two of its revenue-generating highway assets, valued at approximately Rs 4,663 crore, to IRB InvIT Fund. The non-binding offer includes the Solapur Yedeshi NH211 and Chittorgarh Gulabpura NH79 BOT Assets, totaling 1,144 Lane km. This move aims to fund future opportunities and enhance IRB InvIT Fund's asset portfolio.*

IRB Infrastructure Trust on Thursday said it has offered two of its 14 revenue-generating highway assets worth approximately Rs 4,663 crore to IRB InvIT Fund (Public InvIT).

The value of assets was assessed by an independent valuer as of March 31, 2026.

IRB Infrastructure Trust (Private InvIT), in a statement, said its Board of Directors of Investment Manager of IRB Infrastructure Trust approved the non-binding offer proposal in a meeting held on Thursday.

Non-binding offer is for Solapur Yedeshi NH211 (Maharashtra) and Chittorgarh Gulabpura NH79 (Rajasthan) BOT Assets, aggregating 1,144 Lane km, it added.

Its Chairman and Managing Director Virendra D Mhaiskar said, "Following the recent transfer of three BOT Assets from IRB Infrastructure Trust and one HAM Asset from IRB Infra, this transaction benefits both InvITs and reinforces their path to sustainable growth".

"Subject to requisite clearances and approvals, IRB Infrastructure Trust will deploy the deal proceeds to fund future opportunities, while IRB InvIT Fund will gain an enhanced asset portfolio, a longer weighted average concession life, and incremental revenue from these assets."

He further said the development brings "us closer to our goal of achieving an Rs 1,40,000 crore asset base by 2029".

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