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## HCC & Konkan Railway Signs MoU to Implement Railway & Multi-Modal Transport Infra Projects

The Economic Times,  
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Hindustan Construction Company Limited (HCC) has entered into a strategic Memorandum of Understanding (MoU) with Konkan Railway Corporation Limited (KRCL) to collaborate on large-scale railway and multi-modal transport infrastructure projects in India as well as international markets.

The MoU was signed in the presence of Arjun Dhawan, Vice Chairman and Managing Director of HCC, and Santosh Kumar Jha, Chairman and Managing Director of KRCL.

The agreement establishes a long-term partnership that leverages the complementary strengths of both organisations. The collaboration will focus on delivering comprehensive, end-to-end solutions across all aspects of transport infrastructure, including civil construction, track laying, signalling, electrification, MEP systems, operations, maintenance, and other vital components of modern mobility networks.

Commenting on the development, Arjun Dhawan, Vice Chairman & Managing Director, HCC, said, "By combining capabilities, we aim to expand our presence in both domestic and international markets while delivering fully integrated transport solutions that span civil construction and rail systems. As reported by Business Standard.

Building on a decade of trust, Metro Rail News is pleased to announce the Metro Rail News Awards to recognise organisations and leaders for their outstanding contributions to the rail transit industry. The awards will be presented across 30+ categories, with the ceremony scheduled for 19 September in New Delhi.

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## Government Considers Rs 20,000 Crore Risk Guarantee Fund To Drive Infrastructure Investment: Report

Swarajya,  
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The government is reportedly examining a proposal to establish a risk guarantee fund of Rs 20,000 crore aimed at boosting private participation in infrastructure development.

According to a PTI report, the fund is intended to share project risks, easing the financial load on developers and thereby attracting greater private sector investment.

The fund with the initial corpus of Rs 20,000 crore is likely to be managed by the National Credit Guarantee Trustee Company Ltd. (NCGTC) and would underwrite development risks associated with new projects.

In addition, safeguards are expected, including a mandatory minimum stake from developers and the possibility of charging risk-based premiums.

Officials indicated that the scheme would cover potential losses arising from policy uncertainties and other non-commercial risks, which often deter lenders.

By offering this assurance, the government hopes to encourage banks and financial institutions to extend larger loans for big-ticket projects.

For the mechanism to succeed, the fund's guarantee must be bankable and there must be assurance of payment in a timely manner, as per the report.

The move comes against the backdrop of India's enormous infrastructure financing needs.

As outlined in the National Infrastructure Pipeline (NIP), the country would require an estimated \$4.51 trillion (around Rs 390 lakh crore) in spending by 2030 to achieve the target of becoming a \$5 trillion economy by 2025 and sustain high growth thereafter.

The NIP report highlighted that weak infrastructure remains one of the greatest challenges to India's economic ambitions, with inefficiencies estimated to cost 4–5 per cent of GDP.

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## Maharashtra Clears Rs 2,353 Crore Four-Lane Nagpur–Chandrapur Highway

Swarajya,  
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The Cabinet Infrastructure Committee, chaired by Chief Minister Devendra Fadnavis, met in Mumbai on Wednesday (1 October) and approved a major road development plan for East Vidarbha.

The highlight of the meeting was the green light for a 204 km four-lane cement concrete highway between Nagpur and Chandrapur, to be built at an estimated cost of Rs 2,353.39 crore.

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The Chief Minister also directed officials to prepare a proposal for extending connectivity through a Chandrapur–Mul highway.

Emphasising the long-term impact of such investments, Fadnavis said that future road projects must create an ecosystem of development, with land acquisition and planning factored in from the outset.

He further suggested that the Nagpur–Chandrapur highway, currently being extended to Navegaon More, be carried further to the Surjagarh Iron Ore Project to unlock industrial potential.

The Chief Minister warned that delays escalate costs and impose financial stress on the state.

He pointed out that infrastructure works worth Rs 10 lakh crore are currently underway, and timely completion would provide a decisive boost to Maharashtra's economy.

Departments were instructed to integrate all projects with the GatiShakti portal and adopt modern technology for better planning and faster bill clearances.

Fadnavis also announced plans to enhance the Samruddhi Highway with rest areas, petrol pumps, food malls, and tourism hubs.

To speed up project execution, a new financing model will be introduced where private investors' funds will be deployed for land acquisition and development, with assured returns to encourage participation.

Alongside the Nagpur–Chandrapur project, two other major expressways in Vidarbha were sanctioned recently — the Rs 18,539 crore Nagpur–Gondia four-lane expressway (162 km) and the Rs 10,298 crore Bhandara–Gadchiroli expressway (94 km).

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