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PM-Gati Shakti: Four Multitracking Railway Projects Worth Rs 24,634 Crore Approved
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The Union Cabinet, chaired by Prime Minister Narendra Modi, today approved four major multitracking railway projects, marking a significant step in enhancing the nation's infrastructure.

These initiatives, with a total cost of Rs 24,634 crore, aim to expand the Indian Railways network by approximately 894 kilometres across Maharashtra, Madhya Pradesh, Gujarat, and Chhattisgarh. The projects focus on adding third and fourth lines to congested routes, improving efficiency and reducing bottlenecks.

Key sections include the 314-kilometre Wardha-Bhusawal stretch in Maharashtra, where officials plan to build additional lines alongside 4 important bridges and 537 minor ones.

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Other routes encompass

- the 84-kilometre Gondia-Dongargarh line spanning Maharashtra and Chhattisgarh,
- the 259-kilometre Vadodara-Ratlam corridor in Gujarat and Madhya Pradesh,
- and the 237-kilometre Itarsi-Bhopal-Bina section in Madhya Pradesh.

These developments will connect 3,633 villages, benefiting a population of about 8.5 million, including two aspirational districts: Vidisha and Rajnandgaon.

The upgrades align with the PM-Gati Shakti National Master Plan, emphasising multi-modal connectivity and logistical efficiency.

Authorities expect the projects to handle an additional 78 million tonnes of freight per year, transporting commodities like coal, cement, and food grains. This expansion will streamline operations, boost self-reliance in regions, and create employment opportunities through comprehensive development.

Furthermore, the routes will enhance access to tourist destinations such as the Satpura Tiger Reserve, Sanchi, and Nawegaon National Park, potentially attracting more visitors.

Environmentally, the projects promise to reduce oil imports by 280 million litres and cut CO2 emissions by 1.39 billion kilograms, equivalent to planting 60 million trees. Completion is targeted for 2030-31, supporting India's climate goals and economic growth.

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Moving Freight Faster: Cabinet Clears Rs 24,634 Crore Rail Multi-Tracking Projects Across Four States

Swarajya,
October 8, 2025

The Cabinet Committee on Economic Affairs approved four major railway multi-tracking projects worth around Rs 24,634 crore extending the Indian Railways network by nearly 894 km across Maharashtra, Madhya Pradesh, Gujarat, and Chhattisgarh.

The projects sanctioned include:

Wardha – Bhusawal (Maharashtra): 3rd and 4th line, 314 km

Gondia – Dongargarh (Maharashtra & Chhattisgarh): 4th line, 84 km

Vadodara – Ratlam (Gujarat & Madhya Pradesh): 3rd and 4th line, 259 km

Itarsi – Bhopal – Bina (Madhya Pradesh): 4th line, 237 km

These works will cover 18 districts, benefiting approximately 3,633 villages with a combined population of over 85 lakh, the government release stated.

Planned under the PM Gati Shakti National Master Plan, the projects are designed to boost multi-modal connectivity and logistics efficiency through integrated planning.

Government also emphasised that the expansion would not only serve commuters and industry but also provide direct access to prominent destinations such as Sanchi, Satpura Tiger Reserve, the Bhimbetka rock shelters, Hazara Falls, and Nawegaon National Park, strengthening regional tourism.

The upgraded lines will be vital for freight traffic, particularly for coal, cement, containers, steel, food grains, fly ash and other commodities. The capacity expansion is projected to handle an additional 78 million tonnes of freight annually.

The Railways highlighted the environmental gains of this development, noting that the projects will reduce oil imports by 28 crore litres and lower CO₂ emissions by 139 crore kilograms, equivalent to planting six crore trees.

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K-RIDE To Re-Tender Bengaluru Suburban Railway Corridor 2 After L&T Exits PTI, October 8, 2025

The Rail Infrastructure Development Company (Karnataka) Limited (K-RIDE) has announced it will invite fresh tenders for the remaining civil works of Corridor 2 of the Bengaluru suburban railway project, following the exit of Larsen & Toubro (L&T).

The decision follows advice from the advocate-general and recommendations from the tender evaluation committee.

The original contract, awarded to L&T in August 2022, was terminated due to non-compliance with tender conditions, including the failure to submit the required performance security and bank guarantee.

L&T had halted work in March, citing financial losses caused by delays in land acquisition, and later issued a legal notice to K-RIDE.

To speed up progress, K-RIDE will now tender the remaining work in three separate packages. The company said details of the packages would be released shortly.

The Bengaluru suburban railway project, valued at Rs 15,767 crore, is a joint venture between the Government of India and the Government of Karnataka. It aims to ease traffic congestion by creating a 148-km suburban rail network across four corridors.

Corridor 2, known as the Mallige Line, stretches from Benniganahalli in the east to Chikkabanavara in the west and intersects with other suburban rail and metro lines, making it a key link in the network.

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Construction on Corridor 2 had begun on approximately 25 km of the route, but progress stalled due to L&T's non-compliance and subsequent contract termination.

The new tender process is expected to resume work on this crucial corridor and bring the project back on track.

K-RIDE emphasised that the re-tendering process would follow all legal and procedural guidelines to ensure smooth execution and timely completion of the suburban rail network, which is central to reducing Bengaluru's chronic traffic congestion.

Bengaluru Suburban Railway Corridor 1, also called the Sampige (S) Siga line, runs from KSR Bengaluru through Yelanka to Devanahalli and the Kempegowda International Airport (KIA) station, covering approximately 41 km.

While work has not started on much of this corridor, the alignment from Bengaluru to Yelanka has been approved, and the Sampige line is planned to be operational by 2028.

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