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NCC Ltd founder AVS Raju passes away

The Economic Times,
October 13, 2026

Synopsis

AVS Raju, the Founder and Chairman Emeritus of NCC Limited, passed away on October 13, 2026. His contributions to the construction industry are widely recognized across India and beyond. The announcement was made by NCC Limited in a statement issued on that day. Final respects for Raju will be paid at his residence in Jubilee Hills, Hyderabad.



Founder and Chairman Emeritus of NCC Limited, Padmashree Awardee Dr. A.V.S. Raju passes away

AVS Raju, Founder and Chairman Emeritus of construction major NCC Limited passed away on Tuesday.

With profound sorrow, we share the sad news of the passing of our beloved Founder and Chairman Emeritus, NCC Limited Padma Shri Awardee Dr. A.V.S. Raju garu, at 7.15 pm on Tuesday, 13 October 2026, NCC Ltd said in a statement.

The final respects will be paid at the Plot 168/A, Road 10, Jubilee Hills, Hyderabad, from 10:00 a.m. onwards on Wednesday.

Born in 1936, AVS Raju was also featured in the Guinness Book of World Records for penning the largest biography in Telugu.

He established Nagarjuna Construction Company (NCC) in 1978 and built it to one of India's largest infrastructure conglomerates.

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NCC has delivered several projects across transport, water management, energy, and urban development.

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PM GatiShakti Marks Fifth Anniversary With Approval Recommendations For 400 Projects Valued At Rs 20.23 Lakh Crore

Swarajya,
October 14, 2026

The Network Planning Group under the PM GatiShakti initiative recommended over 400 infrastructure projects worth approximately Rs 20.23 lakh crore for approval, as the scheme completed five years today.

The projects span roads, railways and other connectivity infrastructure across various ministries.

The Commerce and Industry Ministry confirmed that 421 projects were evaluated in 2026 based on PM GatiShakti principles, which emphasise integrated planning, multimodal infrastructure development, last-mile connectivity and synchronised implementation.

All logistics and connectivity projects involving investments exceeding Rs 500 crore are routed through the Network Planning Group.

Launched on 13 October 2021, the PM GatiShakti National Master Plan has integrated more than 1,800 data layers covering 58 central ministries and departments and all 36 states and union territories.

The digital platform provides access to data related to land records, ports, forests, railway stations, water bodies and highways to facilitate coordinated infrastructure planning.

The initiative has also expanded beyond national-level infrastructure planning to encompass district-level and social-sector planning, incorporating roads, schools, healthcare facilities and water pipelines.

The Union Cabinet recently approved the Integrated Transport and Logistics Authority to strengthen transport planning, project appraisal, monitoring and impact assessment for infrastructure projects worth Rs 500 crore or more.

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The Network Planning Group has evaluated a total of 396 big-ticket infrastructure projects worth Rs 18.66 lakh crore as of August 2026, with 256 projects sanctioned and 198 currently under implementation.

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PM Modi To Inaugurate Rs 3,350 Crore Infrastructure Projects In Ladakh, Including 298-Km Strategic Road and Leh Airport Terminal
Swarajya,
October 14, 2026

Prime Minister Narendra Modi will inaugurate and dedicate five major development projects worth around Rs 3,350 crore in Ladakh tomorrow through video conferencing at approximately 12.30 pm.

The projects span air connectivity, strategic roads, energy infrastructure, cultural heritage conservation and water security, marking a significant investment in the high-altitude Union Territory's development.

The centrepiece is the new passenger terminal building at Kushok Bakula Rimpoochee Airport in Leh, built at a cost of Rs 640 crore.

Spread over 23,800 square metres, the three-level facility is designed to handle 35 lakh passengers annually and incorporates geothermal energy to reduce its carbon footprint.

The upgraded terminal will increase capacity to handle up to 54 flights daily, compared with its existing capacity of around 18 flights, improving connectivity to the strategically important region.

The Prime Minister will also dedicate the 298-kilometre Nimmu-Padum-Darcha Road, constructed by the Border Roads Organisation.

Connecting Nimmu in Leh with Darcha in Himachal Pradesh through the remote Zaskar Valley, the road provides an alternative connectivity corridor to Ladakh, supplementing the Srinagar-Leh and Manali-Leh highways.

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Traversing challenging Himalayan terrain including the high-altitude Shinkun La Pass, the infrastructure is expected to strengthen strategic mobility for the Armed Forces whilst improving access to healthcare, education and markets for Zaskar residents.

Energy infrastructure forms the third component, with the inauguration of the 9 MW Hanu Small Hydroelectric Project and the 66 kV double-circuit Dah-Hanu-Khaltsi Transmission Line.

These facilities aim to improve electricity generation and power evacuation across Ladakh's network.

The Prime Minister will also inaugurate India's first Petroglyph Conservation Park at Sindhu Ghat in Leh, designed to preserve the region's ancient rock carvings and promote heritage tourism.

The fifth initiative, Project Him Sarovar, involves the development of 40 water bodies across 40 villages to address seasonal water shortages.

Lieutenant Governor Vinai Kumar Saxena, Chief Secretary Ashish Kundra and other senior officials will join the function from Leh, whilst ceremonies will be held across all seven districts of Ladakh.

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Gujarat Plans Four Bus Ports And Four Multimodal Hubs Around Ahmedabad Ahead Of 2030 Commonwealth Games

PTI,
October 14, 2026

The Gujarat government is planning eight transport facilities around Ahmedabad to improve regional connectivity and manage passenger movement ahead of the 2030 Commonwealth Games.

The proposed network comprises four bus ports and four multimodal transport hubs intended to link the city with different parts of the state and connect public transport services with major highways and sporting venues.

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According to a Times of India report, a presentation prepared by the state urban development department for Ahmedabad Municipal Transport Service (AMTS) proposes four bus ports at Amiyapur, Kanbha-Bhuvaldi, Bakrol along the Dholera Expressway, and Jetalpur.

The four multimodal hubs are planned at Acher, Hanspura, Akhbarnagar and Memnagar. The projects are being considered for development through a public-private partnership (PPP).

However, site surveys, passenger demand assessments, transport integration studies, environmental and social impact assessments, financial feasibility work and tender documents remain to be completed.

“A presentation in this regard has been made at the top level in govt. Development and commercial components, as well as the implementation framework for the wider network, remain subject to further planning and approvals,” a source was quoted as saying by TOI.

The proposed facilities are expected to improve access to eight Commonwealth Games venues: SVP Sports Enclave, Karai Sports Hub, Naranpura Sports Hub, Gujarat University, Transtadia Eka Arena, Vijay Bharati Academy, IIT Gandhinagar and the Mahatma Mandir complex.

The network is designed around major routes, including NH-48, NH-47, NH-64 and NH-751, as well as the Ahmedabad-Vadodara Expressway and Sardar Patel Ring Road.

These corridors connect Ahmedabad with destinations including Himmatnagar, Udaipur, Surat, Mumbai, Dahod, Indore, Nadiad, Anand, Vadodara, Dholera and Bhavnagar.

The bus ports would cater to regional and longer-distance services, while the multimodal hubs would serve as interchange points between transport modes.

Industrial commuter movement is another consideration. The proposed network is intended to improve links between residential areas, industrial centres such as Naroda-Kathwada, Vatva GIDC and Sanand, and regional destinations along the Anand-Nadiad corridor.

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