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Mumbai Metropolitan Region: Thane Coastal Road-1 Reaches 45 Per Cent Completion After Record 10 Girders Installed In A Day

The Hindu Business Line,
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The Thane Coastal Road-1 project has reached 45 per cent completion after the Mumbai Metropolitan Region Development Authority (MMRDA) installed 10 I-girders in a single day, setting a new construction record for the corridor.

The milestone was achieved on 14 October 2026, exceeding the project team's usual daily output of four to six girders.

The 13.45 km project is designed as a six-lane, access-controlled road connecting Kharegaon Toll Naka on National Highways 3 and 48 with Gaimukh.

Once operational, the corridor is expected to provide an alternative to Ghodbunder Road.

The new road is intended to improve connectivity between the Mumbai–Nashik Highway and Gaimukh while offering motorists another route for travelling through the area.

The installation of I-girders is a key part of building the elevated sections of the road, with the pace of this work contributing to the project's overall development.

MMRDA reported that the 10-girder installation was achieved by its project team in a single day, above the typical daily rate of four to six girders. Overall progress on the project has now reached 45 per cent.

The six-lane road is being developed as an access-controlled corridor, intended to provide a more direct connection between the highway junction at Kharegaon and Gaimukh.

Its completion is expected to give commuters and freight traffic another option alongside existing roads in the region.

The planned connection is expected to improve access between the Mumbai–Nashik route once the corridor is completed.

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Three Major Mumbai Bridges Including Sion And Vidyavihar Flyovers Set To Open This Weekend: Report

Swarajya,
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Three long-awaited road links in Mumbai — the Sion and Vidyavihar bridges and the Goregaon connector — are ready for use but await formal inauguration.

According to a Times of India report, the projects could open over the weekend, subject to the availability of the Chief Minister and Deputy Chief Minister.

Shiv Sena (UBT) MLA Aaditya Thackeray has urged the state government to open the Sion bridge without waiting for a VIP visit or an auspicious date.

The Vidyavihar bridge has also completed construction, according to Ghatkopar MLA Parag Shah.

Meanwhile, some residents have reportedly started using the Sion bridge despite barricades still being in place and the absence of an official opening.

Two-wheelers have been seen crossing the structure, while pedestrians are using its footpath. Four-wheelers, however, continue to be kept off the bridge.

The Sion and Vidyavihar bridges are important local links, while the Goregaon connector is expected to improve movement through the western suburbs.

However, until the authorities officially open the structures, access remains restricted in at least parts of the network.

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Pune: Inner Ring Road And HCMTR Land Surveys Must Be Completed By Month-End To Speed Up Acquisition Process

The Economic Times,
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Pune district administration has set 30 October as the deadline for completing joint land surveys for two major road projects designed to reduce traffic congestion in the city.

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District collector Jitendra Dudi instructed officials to finish surveys for the Pune Municipal Corporation's 24-metre-wide high-capacity mass transit route (HCMTR) and the 65-metre-wide inner ring road within this timeframe, enabling faster land acquisition for both schemes.

The directive was issued at a review meeting held at the collector's office on 15 October, attended by senior officials from the district administration, the PMC, the Pune Metropolitan Region Development Authority (PMRDA) and traffic police.

The joint review meeting was chaired by PMC Commissioner Naval Kishor Ram and District Collector Jitendra Dudi to review progress on both projects.

Under the instructions, demarcation and measurement of land along the two proposed alignments must be completed before the deadline.

The civic body has also been told to furnish supplementary documents and technical reports needed to obtain approval for transfer of land under state government control.

The meeting emphasised better coordination amongst the district administration, PMC and PMRDA to accelerate land acquisition.

In a presentation at the meeting, Additional Commissioner of Police (Traffic) Manoj Patil said the two projects would help reduce the burden of traffic on roads throughout the city.

The process related to land belonging to defence and railway departments has received a favourable response, officials confirmed.

The HCMTR project will require approximately 4,98,390 square metres of land across various parts of the city, whilst the Inner Ring Road spans 39.27 km within PMC limits, covering 21 villages and requiring around 332 hectares of land.

The Pune Municipal Corporation's Standing Committee has approved land acquisition proposals worth Rs 3,722 crore, sanctioning Rs 2,634 crore for HCMTR and Rs 1,088.50 crore for the Inner Ring Road.

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MP Government To Establish Rs 100 Crore State-Owned Company To Develop Industrial Corridor Linking Three Major Cities

The Hindu,
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The Madhya Pradesh cabinet has approved the formation of a state-owned company to develop an industrial corridor connecting Jabalpur, Bhopal and Indore, with an initial capital allocation of Rs 100 crore.

Chief Minister Mohan Yadav announced the decision following a cabinet meeting this week, stating he will personally chair the company's governing council to ensure swift decision-making and departmental coordination.

The corridor spans nearly 600 km across seven districts, linking the state's eastern, central and western regions through an integrated network of industries, agriculture, logistics and technology services.

The wholly state-owned entity will focus on developing industrial parks, logistics hubs, food and agro-processing parks, IT parks and global capability centres along with residential and social infrastructure.

In the first phase, the government plans to develop between 3,000 and 10,000 acres of land for industrial activity.

The industrial hubs will offer plug-and-play facilities, including land, electricity, water, roads, sewerage and digital connectivity, alongside housing, hospitals, schools, skill development centres and green spaces.

Over the next three years, the project targets investments exceeding Rs 3 lakh crore and the creation of employment opportunities for more than six lakh people.

By March 2028, the corridor is projected to attract investment exceeding Rs 1 lakh crore, generating approximately one lakh direct jobs and two lakh indirect employment opportunities.

The region from Jabalpur and Narsinghpur to Raisen offers a favourable environment for tourism, mining, agriculture and heavy industry sectors.

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The area is already supported by essential infrastructure, including road networks, power, water supply and aviation connectivity.

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NTPC Eyes 30 GW Nuclear Power Capacity By 2047, Set To Extend Nuclear Power Site Feasibility Studies To UP And Other States: Report

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State-run power major NTPC is reportedly preparing to undertake feasibility studies for potential nuclear power projects in additional states, including Uttar Pradesh, as it seeks to increase its non-fossil fuel-based generation capacity.

The company has already completed feasibility assessments in Madhya Pradesh, Bihar and Odisha, and intends to identify further suitable sites for its proposed nuclear power expansion.

Under its broader energy diversification plans, NTPC aims to develop 30 GW of nuclear power capacity across India, supporting the Centre's target of achieving 100 GW of nuclear capacity by 2047.

The power utility also intends to increase its non-fossil fuel energy capacity to at least 2 GW by 2032, according to a senior company official.

The feasibility studies have reportedly identified Banka in Bihar, Basai in Madhya Pradesh, and Nabarangpur in Odisha as potential sites for the nuclear projects.

The company has submitted detailed feasibility reports for these three locations to the Atomic Energy Commission and is awaiting approval.

If approved, the proposed sites could each support between 2 GW and 4 GW of nuclear capacity.

NTPC intends to develop nuclear power projects with a typical capacity of 1,400 MW, comprising two reactor units of 700 MW each.

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Following the completion of feasibility assessments, proposals for the proposed nuclear facilities are forwarded to the Department of Atomic Energy (DAE) for consideration.

The proposals are subsequently examined by the Standing Site Selection Committee. Those found technically viable are referred to the Atomic Energy Commission (AEC) for further evaluation and processing.

With five decades of experience in electricity generation, NTPC is also examining potential partnerships with global nuclear technology companies, including Holtec International, Westinghouse, Rosatom and EDF, for pressurised water reactor technology.

The company's nuclear expansion plans align with India's wider efforts to broaden its energy mix, address growing electricity requirements and reduce carbon emissions.

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