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Maharashtra Signs 17 MoUs Worth Rs 33,769 Crore; 33,483 Jobs To Be Created
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The Maharashtra government on Friday (29 August) signed 17 MoUs with leading companies, which are expected to generate investments worth Rs 33,768.89 crore and create 33,483 jobs across the state, reported The Indian Express.

The agreements span multiple sectors, highlighting the state's push for industrial diversification.

In the electronics sector, Nekt Generation Manufacturing, Vircyso Optoelectronics, and Uno Minda Auto Innovation pledged Rs 3,450 crore, creating 2,950 jobs.

The electric vehicle industry, with Eurobus India and Energy In Motion, committed Rs 5,265 crore to manufacture buses and trucks, generating 12,450 jobs.

The steel industry attracted Rs 4,563 crore from P S Steel & Power, Suflam Metals, Suflam Industries, KirtiSagar Metalloid, and ArcelorMittal GCC, resulting in 5,135 jobs. In solar energy, BSL Solar announced Rs 4,529.89 crore in investments, promising 3,582 jobs.

Defence manufacturers Godrej & Boyce and Parason Machinery pledged Rs 2,500 crore, creating 3,500 jobs.

The Serum Group of Companies led the biotechnology sector with Rs 5,000 crore in investments and 3,000 jobs.

Ambuja Cement committed Rs 1,000 crore, generating 3,000 jobs, while Graphite India will bring in Rs 4,761 crore with 1,166 jobs.

General Polyfilm, representing films and materials, pledged Rs 1,100 crore, creating 200 jobs.

Chief Minister Devendra Fadnavis said, "Signing these MoUs is only the beginning. The government will act as a partner at every stage to ensure smooth implementation and a seamless, investor-friendly environment without any hurdles."

He added that Maharashtra has approved a five-year multi-year tariff plan to gradually reduce electricity rates.

"Previously, electricity rates rose by an average of 9 per cent annually, but now they will decrease, offering significant relief to industries," he said.

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Half Of Land Required For Pune's Purandar Airport Project Covered As Over 1,100 Farmers Submit Consent Documents

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The Purandar International Airport project in Pune has taken an important step forward, with consent documents received from over 1,100 farmers for acquisition of the required land, The Indian Express reported.

Officials said that within just six days of the process opening, more than 1,100 farmers have submitted documents, covering close to 50 per cent of the 2,800 acres needed.

Pune District Collector Jitendra Dudi announced that landowners may submit their consent either at the collector's office or at the Purandar sub-divisional office.

As part of the compensation package, those who part with land willingly will not only receive monetary payment but would be given 10 per cent of the land acquired within Aerocity as developed land parcels.

This provision has been designed to speed up the acquisition process.

According to the officials, land parcels over 1,300 gats are to be acquired for the airport's construction. Gat refers to land parcels that have multiple ownership. The 7/12 land records would provide the exact number of land owners whose consent has been obtained.

Over the past year, the administration has held special drives to ensure ownership documents are current, while also deploying dedicated teams to address farmers' concerns and reduce resistance.

Authorities said that while land is being acquired from seven villages, much of it lies in Pargaon, where opposition to the project had been strongest.

Despite protests, officials are optimistic that with half the land already secured, the remainder will follow more smoothly.

Demand for a new international airport in Pune has been longstanding, with the existing Lohegaon facility running at capacity and constrained by Air Force restrictions.

The Purandar site was approved in 2016 under then Chief Minister Devendra Fadnavis, but the project stalled before regaining momentum after his return to office.

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Reliance To Develop 70-Hectare Mumbai Coastal Road Gardens In Rs 400 Crore Project

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Reliance Infrastructure Limited (RIL) will develop 70 hectares of open space along the Mumbai Coastal Road at an estimated cost of Rs 400 crore, Nita Ambani, founder and chairperson of Reliance Foundation, announced on Friday (29 August), The Indian Express reported.

The project comes eight months after the Brihanmumbai Municipal Corporation (BMC) invited expressions of interest from private agencies and voluntary organisations to take up the development work.

Speaking at RIL's Annual General Meeting, Nita Ambani said the Coastal Road Gardens and adjoining promenade, spread over 130 acres, will feature walkways, cycling tracks, plazas, and landscaped greenery.

She called it a "green lung for generations to come" and said the project will reconnect people with nature.

"We will nurture this space as a living, breathing, and health-promoting gift to Mumbai" she added.

The landscaping and maintenance work will be carried out under RIL's corporate social responsibility (CSR) initiative for a period of 30 years.

Out of 111 hectares reclaimed for the Coastal Road, the BMC had allocated 70 hectares for open landscapes with gardens, cycling tracks, and amphitheatres.

The 7.5-km coastal promenade was inaugurated on 15 August by Chief Minister Devendra Fadnavis, while Tata Sons is beautifying the road medians spanning five hectares.

The remaining 53 hectares of open space, located on the landward side between Breach Candy and Worli, was offered to private entities through the EoI.

Bids were submitted by companies including Jindal, Raymond, RPG Foundation, Vedanta, and Reliance.

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Government's BioE3 Push: 16 Biomanufacturing Hubs Planned To Cut Import Dependence For Drugs, Biofuels, And Bio-Fertilisers

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The government plans to establish around 16 biomanufacturing hubs across India under its BioE3 policy to reduce import dependence on key components such as pharmaceutical agents, biofuel enzymes, and reagents for biofertilizers, The Indian Express reported.

A list of 1,000 such products identified for indigenous manufacturing will soon be published on a government website,

The move comes amid a broader push for domestic manufacturing since the Covid-19 pandemic, supported by performance-linked incentives.

While India has scaled up drug production, fermentation-based products remain a challenge.

Officials said large fermenters of 500 to 1,000 litres at these hubs will help boost output of medicines, biofuels, and other critical products, while reducing upfront investment for start-ups and small firms.

The hubs will also support scaling up of innovative solutions such as monoclonal antibody therapies, carbon capture technologies, and smart proteins.

The Department of Biotechnology has already set up six biofoundries in institutions including NABI Mohali, Tata Memorial Centre, ICGEB New Delhi, THSTI Faridabad, IPFT Gurugram, and NCCS Pune to develop and test such projects.

Officials said proof-of-concept innovations developed in these biofoundries can be taken to manufacturing at the biomanufacturing hubs.

The facilities will be set up in research institutes, private companies, or near industry-specific knowledge centres and will be accessible to government labs, universities, start-ups, and businesses.

As per the policy, start-ups will be charged a maximum of 5 per cent over the actual costs while companies may pay up to 15 per cent to cover consumables, manpower, and overheads.

The policy also states that the facility will not claim any intellectual property rights.

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Noida International Airport Inauguration Expected In October: Domestic Flyers To Pay Rs 210–Rs 490, International Rs 420–Rs 980

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The Airports Economic Regulatory Authority (AERA) has fixed an ad-hoc user development fee (UDF) for the upcoming Noida International Airport (NIA), which is expected to begin commercial operations in October 2025, reported The Times Of India.

The order sets UDF at Rs 210 for departing domestic passengers and Rs 490 for departing international passengers.

Domestic passengers flying into NIA will pay Rs 210, while international arrivals will pay Rs 420, excluding taxes.

The operator has informed the authority that the Inauguration of the airport is expected in Oct 2025.

The ad-hoc tariff, lower than the operator's proposal, will remain in effect until 31 March 2026, or until a regular order is issued.

AERA explained that as a greenfield airport, "there are no prevailing tariff rates available to be levied on the date of commencement of actual commercial operation."

Traffic projections reveal that more than 94 per cent of passengers will be domestic till March 2030, with 57 lakh domestic and 2.4 lakh foreign fliers predicted this fiscal year.

By FY 2030, the operator anticipates over one crore domestic and ten lakh foreign passengers.

NIA's first phase involves an investment of Rs 7,209 crore to create capacity for 1.2 crore passengers annually.

Subsequent phases will expand capacity to 3 crore, then 5 crore, and finally 7 crore passengers. The trigger for expansion will be achieving 80 per cent of existing capacity.

The airport will serve Noida, Meerut, Ghaziabad, Mathura, Agra, and nearby tourist and pilgrimage destinations. Alongside Delhi's IGI Airport, NIA will cater to the rising aviation demand of the National Capital Region.

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Mumbai-Ahmedabad Bullet Train Project: Over 400 Km Pier Foundation, 317 Km Viaduct Complete

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The National High Speed Rail Corporation Limited (NHSRCL), the implementing agency for India's ambitious Mumbai-Ahmedabad bullet train project, has announced substantial progress across various construction phases of the 508-kilometer high-speed rail corridor.

The project has reached significant construction milestones, with viaduct construction completed over 317 kilometers of the total route.

Pier works have been finished across 396 kilometers, while pier foundations are complete for 407 kilometers of the corridor.

Additionally, girder casting has been accomplished for 337 kilometers of the route, according to the NHSRCL.

A major achievement has been the completion of bridges across 17 rivers, including the Par, Purna, Mindhola, Ambika, and Auranga rivers in various Gujarat districts.

The project has also seen the completion of eight steel bridges, including the first 100-meter span of a 2x100-meter long steel bridge, and five pre-stressed concrete (PSC) bridges.

In Gujarat, around 198 track kilometers of track bed construction have been completed.

The welding of rails on the viaduct to form long panels of 200 meters is currently underway.

For passenger safety and comfort, approximately 390,000 noise barriers have been installed along a 195-kilometer stretch of the viaduct in Gujarat.

The installation of overhead equipment (OHE) masts is also progressing, with more than 1,600 masts installed between Surat and Bilimora bullet train stations, covering approximately 40 kilometers of the mainline viaduct.

The challenging 21-kilometer tunnel between Bandra Kurla Complex (BKC) and Shilphata in Maharashtra is making steady progress.

Construction teams have achieved approximately 4.5 kilometers of tunnel heading cumulatively from Shilphata and two concurrent faces from the Access Drift and Intermediate Tunnel (ADIT) portal using the New Austrian Tunneling Method (NATM).

In Palghar district, excavation work on seven mountain tunnels is underway, with a cumulative heading of 2 kilometers completed out of the total 6 kilometers required.

All eight bullet train stations in Gujarat have completed their structural work, with building interior and finishing work progressing rapidly.

The stations, designed with thematic concepts, include Sabarmati, Ahmedabad, Anand, Vadodara, Bharuch, Surat, Bilimora, and Vapi.

In Maharashtra, construction work has commenced on all three elevated stations.

The base slab casting for Mumbai bullet train station is currently in progress, while the first slab casting has been completed for both Virar and Boisar bullet train stations.

The Mumbai-Ahmedabad High Speed Rail corridor spans 508 kilometers, with 352 kilometers passing through Gujarat and Dadra and Nagar Haveli, and 156 kilometers through Maharashtra.

The 1.08 lakh crore mega project will feature 12 thematically designed stations across both states, representing a significant step toward modernising India's rail infrastructure and reducing travel time between the two major commercial hubs.

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Traffic Flow, Safety On Delhi–Meerut Expressway To Improve With Rs 18 Crore NHAI Project

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The National Highways Authority of India (NHAI) has received approval for a Rs 18 crore plan to enhance safety and traffic flow on the Delhi-Meerut Expressway (DME), Hindustan Times reported, citing officials.

The plan includes fencing both sides of a 15 km stretch of the expressway, adding more signage, installing automatic number plate readers in underpasses, and setting up traffic booths at entry and exit points, officials said.

“The plan has been approved by the headquarters in Delhi, and once designs are cleared, it will take around 7–8 months to complete,” an NHAI official was quoted as saying by HT.

Ghaziabad traffic police said the entry and exit points of the DME to NH-9 have become hazardous, citing the death of constable Vipin Kumar, who was hit by a speeding car near IPEM College on 22 August.

Police later arrested two people on murder charges after a video of the incident surfaced online.

Additional DCP (traffic) Sacchidanand said police held meetings with NHAI on required safety measures and proposed setting up police booths near DME entry and exit points.

“Otherwise, traffic personnel are at risk while standing and managing the entry/exit points,” he was quoted as saying by HT.

He added that since the constable’s death, personnel have been told not to stand on the expressway to manage traffic, and movable barriers will soon be placed at every entry and exit point.

Officials said the DME has entry and exit points at Bhojpur, Dasna, near IPEM College, and near ABES College on both sides.

They added that traffic personnel are deployed at entry and exit points to prevent two-wheelers and tractors from entering the expressway.

A traffic police official said two-wheeler riders often attempt to use expressway lanes despite a ban, while some commuters miss exits and continue on the DME.

Heavy traffic during peak hours and festivals also requires personnel to be deployed at these points, the official added.

NHAI said the entry and exit point where the constable was killed was newly constructed.

“This became operational last year on residents’ demand. There is no infrastructure issue here. Traffic police manage these points to maintain smooth flow and prevent banned vehicles from entering the lanes,” the NHAI official added.

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