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Piyush Goyal Unveils LDB 2.0 And Integrated Logistics Plans To Build A Future-Ready, Globally Competitive Supply Chain

Swarajya,
September 23, 2025

Marking ten years of the Make in India campaign, the Union Minister of Commerce and Industry, Piyush Goyal, on Saturday (20 September) introduced a set of new measures designed to modernise India's logistics network and strengthen the country's position in global supply chains.

The Department for Promotion of Industry and Internal Trade (DPIIT) rolled out a series of reforms that focus on improving operational efficiency while building a future-ready logistics ecosystem.

Highlighting the scale of the exercise, Goyal noted that Integrated State and City Logistics Plans have been launched under the SMILE programme in partnership with the Asian Development Bank (ADB).

Beginning with eight cities across as many states, the initiative is expected to identify infrastructure gaps and provide a blueprint for smoother movement of goods.

This marks just the beginning, with the objective of replicating such plans nationwide to ensure smoother movement of goods, enhanced competitiveness, and stronger supply chain resilience, he said.

DPIIT has already taken strides through the National Logistics Policy (NLP) and the PM GatiShakti National Master Plan, which together provide a strong foundation for reform.

States too have responded by drafting their own logistics strategies in alignment with national priorities.

To mark the occasion, Goyal also unveiled Logistics Data Bank (LDB) 2.0 in New Delhi.

Developed by NICDC Logistics Data Services, the upgraded digital platform provides real-time tracking of export containers, including the ability to monitor cargo on the high seas, a first for Indian trade systems.

The system also allows multi-modal visibility across road, rail, and sea through integration with Unified Logistics Interface Platform APIs.

A live heatmap of container movement further enables policymakers and industry stakeholders to address imbalances in distribution swiftly.

Highlighting its significance, the minister said that LDB 2.0 will provide critical insights into the availability of facilities and infrastructure across the logistics ecosystem.

He added that it would help cut costs, improve supply chain resilience, and strengthen India's standing in global markets.

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APMRC Opens Door For Joint Ventures In Bidding For Vijayawada And Visakhapatnam Metro Rail Projects

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Andhra Pradesh CM Chandrababu Naidu (Representative Image)

The Andhra Pradesh Metro Rail Corporation (APMRC) has announced that joint ventures (JVs) will be permitted to participate in the bidding process for the upcoming metro rail projects in Visakhapatnam and Vijayawada.

The move is aimed at encouraging broader participation from competent firms with proven experience in handling large-scale infrastructure works.

In a press release, APMRC Managing Director NP Ramakrishna Reddy explained that the decision would have wider participation of eligible bidders and stressed that the target is to complete the projects within 36 months.

International Competitive Bidding (ICB) tenders for the civil works of Visakhapatnam Metro Phase I (46.23 km) and Vijayawada Metro Phase I (38 km) were floated in late July 2025.

At a pre-bid meeting, 13 companies had requested that the projects be split into two or more packages and that JVs be allowed to compete.

While the APMRC turned down the request for multiple packages, citing risks of cost escalation and delays, it accepted the plea to permit JVs under the Government of India and Central Vigilance Commission's procurement guidelines.

The deadline for submission of tenders has been fixed for 10 October in the case of the Visakhapatnam project and 14 October for Vijayawada.

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The corporation hopes the revised bidding rules will attract strong consortiums with both technical and financial capability to deliver on time.

The state government has also reiterated its demand for 100 per cent central funding for both projects.

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Ajit Pawar Urges Multi-Agency Coordination To Streamline Pune's Elevated Roads And Metro Alignments Along Nashik-Pune Highway

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Maharashtra Deputy Chief Minister Ajit Pawar, held a review meeting in Pune on Sunday (21 September) regarding the issue of the Ramwadi to Waghole and Vitthalwadi Metro route overlapping with the MSIDC Elevated Road, and about the Metro Line Development Project in the city.

In the meeting, he called for seamless coordination among government agencies involved in Pune's major infrastructure projects.

Maha Metro, NHAI, MSIDC, and other authorities are to ensure that construction activities do not overlap, thereby minimising disruption for residents.

Authorities have been asked to submit a detailed plan for elevated highways and Metro lines within a week, as per a Pune Pulse report.

Following that, a meeting with Chief Minister Devendra Fadnavis will be held to finalise proposals, with local representatives also participating.

He also urged officials to prepare long-term civic plans for the next century, highlighting that investment in infrastructure yields enduring benefits.

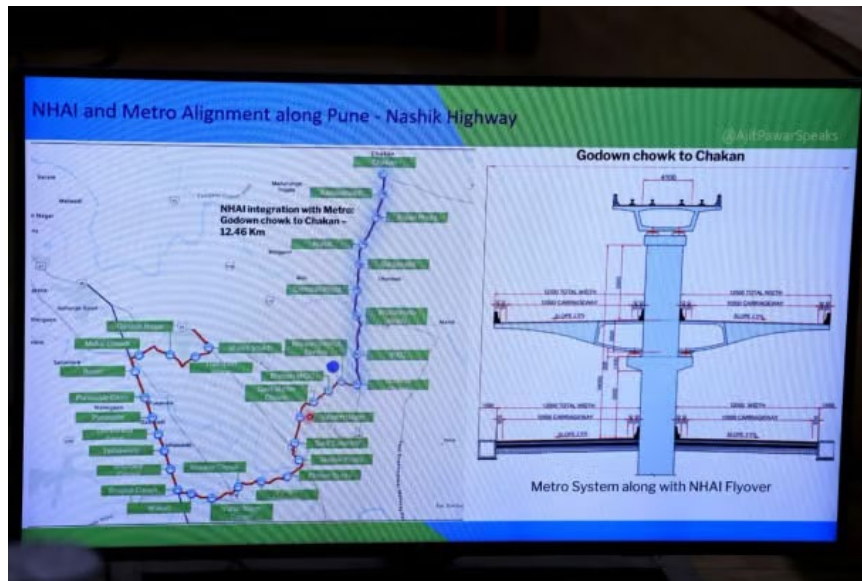
Maha Metro Managing Director Shravan Hardikar stated that NHAI and MSIDC have proposed flyovers along key highways such as Pune–Ahilyanagar, Pune–Nashik, and Pune–Solapur, while Metro plans extensions along some of these corridors.

To prevent overlap, a double-decker structure accommodating both flyovers and Metro lines is under consideration.

Detailed project reports for routes like Hadapsar–Uruli Kanchan via Loni Kalbhor have already been submitted to the state government, while the Hadapsar–Saswad line remains in the DPR stage. MSIDC has also planned flyovers along these stretches.

The meeting emphasised improving multi-agency coordination to reduce inconvenience to citizens.

Metro officials also presented plans for the 42 km Bhakti Shakti Chowk (Nigdi)–Chakan route, including proposed realignments between Nashik Phata and Chakan.



Highway and metro alignment along Pune-Nashik highway

Hardikar mentioned that alternative routes are under evaluation to provide the most practical and citizen-friendly solution.

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Hyderabad: Union Government Approves ADB Loan For Musi Riverfront Project PTI, September 21, 2025

The Union government has approved a loan from the Asian Development Bank (ADB) for the Musi Riverfront Development Project, official. Under the agreement, ADB will disburse Rs 4,100 crore in the first phase, The New Indian Express reported.

A consortium including Meinhardt, Cushman & Wakefield, RIOS, ZHA, and SOM is expected to submit Detailed Project Reports (DPRs) and comprehensive plans within two weeks.

The approval follows discussions between Chief Minister A Revanth Reddy and ADB representatives in New Delhi, with municipal administration officials also consulting the Finance Ministry under his guidance.

The project envisions iconic developments such as the Gateway of Hyderabad at Kothwalguda and Gandhi Sarovar at Bapu Ghat, which will feature the world's tallest Mahatma Gandhi statue and a museum promoting Gandhian philosophy.

"The riverbed will be cleaned. Walking tracks, shopping malls, amphitheatres, entertainment parks and other utilities will be developed along the Musi. The government will also develop night-time economy. The catchment area will become a happening place, where statues of prominent Telangana and national personalities will be installed," sources were quoted as saying.

The rejuvenation will cover a 55 km stretch within HMDA limits, transforming the river into both a water grid and a cultural grid.

Plans include the development of historic sites such as the 800 year old Lord Shiva temple at Manchirevula, the Mosque at Charminar, a Gurudwara at Sikhchowni, and a church inspired by Medak Cathedral at Uppal.

The Gateway of Hyderabad will serve as a connectivity hub, linking Chandanvelly and Seetharampur SEZs, the ORR, Chincholi highway, and three industrial parks. Another road will cut travel from Gandipet to Ramoji Film City from 85 km to 55 km, bypassing traffic bottlenecks.

The government also plans to ensure fresh water flow up to Nalgonda district, lifting 20 tmcft from Mallannasagar Dam to fill Osmansagar and Himayatsagar, preventing drainage water from entering the river.

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Centre Approves 30 Km Riverside Expressway To Link Delhi, Noida, Greater Noida With Jewar Airport

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In a major push to Delhi-NCR road infrastructure, the Centre has approved a 30 km expressway that will connect Delhi, Noida, Greater Noida, and the upcoming Jewar International Airport, officials said.

The proposed expressway will run parallel to the existing Noida-Greater Noida Expressway along the Yamuna River, linking the Pushta Road with both the Noida-Greater Noida and Yamuna Expressways, as per a News 18 report.

The proposal, put forward by Gautam Buddha Nagar MP Dr Mahesh Sharma, received backing from Union Road Transport and Highways Minister Nitin Gadkari during his visit to the Jewar airport site for the 'Ek Ped Maa Ke Naam' plantation drive.

Gadkari said the National Highways Authority of India (NHAI) would "seriously consider" the proposal and assured that there would be no shortage of funds.

Projects worth Rs 1.2 lakh crore are already underway in Delhi-NCR, with Rs 60,000 crore completed, Gadkari added, noting that the government has a roadmap to invest an additional Rs 40,000–50,000 crore in future development.

The expressway received in-principle clearance from the Noida Authority in March 2025 to decongest the heavily burdened Noida-Greater Noida Expressway.

The Uttar Pradesh Expressway Industrial Development Authority (UPEIDA) had been tasked with its execution, with a proposed cost-sharing model among Noida, Greater Noida, and Yamuna Expressway authorities.

However, with the Centre's involvement, the NHAI is now expected to take up construction, with formal approval being the only pending step.

Currently, the 25 km Noida-Greater Noida Expressway handles around five lakh vehicles daily, leading to severe congestion during peak hours.

According to Sharma, the new expressway will act as a strategic bypass, allowing vehicles from Delhi to reach Jewar Airport directly.

"To fully leverage Jewar Airport's potential, building a direct and efficient road link is not just necessary, it's urgent," he was quoted as saying.

Authorities plan to adopt upgraded design standards to avoid past issues with the Yamuna Pushta Road, ensuring long-term durability and safety under NHAI supervision.

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Haryana Unveils Rs 4,827-Crore Regional Road Upgradation Project To Repair And Modernise 4,227 Roads In FY2025-26

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The Haryana government has unveiled the Pradeshik Sadak Utthan Pariyojna (Regional Road Upgradation Project) to strengthen the state's road network. Chief Minister Nayab Singh Saini launched the initiative on Sunday (21 September), calling it a "golden chapter" in Haryana's infrastructure growth, The Tribune reported.

Under the plan, 4,227 roads spanning 9,410 km will be repaired and upgraded in 2025–26 at a cost of Rs 4,827 crore. Work has already begun on 410 roads.

Saini said the project would bridge rural–urban gaps, improve connectivity, and boost Haryana's economic, social, and commercial development.

He stressed that public funds must be used responsibly and warned of strict action against negligent contractors or officials. "The project will lower transportation costs, reduce pollution, save fuel and give a boost to both industry and agriculture," he said.

Highlighting past achievements, Saini noted that over the last 11 years, 43,703 km of roads were improved at a cost of Rs 28,651 crore, while 2,417 km of new roads were built for Rs 2,534 crore. Under the Pradhan Mantri Gram Sadak Yojana, 2,432 km of rural roads were laid at Rs 1,077 crore.

The CM also said 97 railway overbridges and underpasses, costing Rs 2,000 crore, had been constructed, and 21 new national highways were sanctioned for the state, with 12 completed so far.

Once all are operational, every district will have national highway connectivity. Additionally, 27 toll barriers have been removed to ease traffic.

Public Works Minister Ranbir Gangwa said the new project would cover roads maintained by the PWD, Marketing Board, HSVP, HSIIDC and other agencies.

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BRO Unveils Rs 1,200 Crore Push For Roads, Tunnels And Bridges In Ladakh

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Border Roads Organisation (BRO) has unveiled a Rs 1,200 crore plan to boost Ladakh's connectivity as part of Project Vijayak, which marked its 15th Raising Day in Kargil on Sunday (21 September).

The plan will see the widening of key roads, construction of new tunnels and bridges, and the use of advanced technologies such as geotextiles, slope stabilisation, digital monitoring, eco-friendly construction practices, and improved surfacing.

The projects are aimed at enhancing resilience and ensuring year-round access to Ladakh's high-altitude forward areas.

Since its inception in 2010, Project Vijayak has constructed and maintained more than 1,400 km of roads and 80 major bridges across Ladakh, including the record-setting reopening of the strategic Zojila Pass within just 31 days of its winter closure in April 2025, an unprecedented feat in high-altitude connectivity, the Ministry of Defence said in a statement.

"Raised in 2010, Project Vijayak was entrusted with the task of linking Ladakh's remote valleys and forward areas with the national mainstream while fulfilling operational requirements of the Armed Forces. Its contributions have not only enhanced operational preparedness but also transformed connectivity and livelihoods for the people of Ladakh," the ministry added.

According to the ministry, Project Vijayak has also placed strong focus on welfare of its Casual Paid Labourers, who are the backbone of its operations.

Welfare initiatives such as insulated shelters, improved sanitation, enhanced protective gear, winter clothing, and regular health camps have been introduced to ensure safety and well-being, it added.

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