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Infrastructure work on 11 smart industrial cities to start by year-end
The Financial Express,
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Infrastructure development for 11 out of 12 new industrial smart cities, approved at a cost of Rs 28,602 crore, will commence by December 2025 and is set for completion within three years.

Infrastructure development in 11 of 12 planned industrial smart cities will begin by the end of 2025 and is expected to be completed within three years, a senior government official said on Friday.

"For four industrial parks contracts have already been awarded and Engineering Procurement and Construction (EPC) contractors appointed. Contracts for four more will be awarded in another 10-15 days," managing director and CEO of National Industrial Corridor Development Corporation Rajat Kumar Saini told reporters.

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Construction is set to begin on eight parks by November 30, and on 11 by December 31, he added.

The government approved the development of 12 industrial smart cities across 10 states in August 2024, at an estimated cost of Rs 28,602 crore, covering a total area of 26,000 acres.

“We have been able to proceed with it fast because of preparation, cooperation from the states as well as learning from previous projects,” he said, adding that the land had already been acquired for these cities before the cabinet approved the plan.

Fast-tracking development

Each of the 12 parks has a finalised land allotment policy and a dedicated managing director. Separate special purpose vehicles (SPVs) have been set up for each park.

The parks are projected to attract investment worth Rs 1.5 lakh crore, and are expected to create 10 lakh direct and 30 lakh indirect jobs.

“There is significant investor interest that is coming for all 12 by different sectors. We have started the allocation process,” Saini said. As the EPC contractors create infrastructure, the industrial units that are allotted land can start the construction of their manufacturing facilities.

Each park is being developed with a sector-specific focus, and some will include dedicated zones for foreign investors. In Tumakuru, Karnataka, 300 acres have been earmarked for Japanese companies.

The 12 upcoming cities will add to four operational industrial smart cities – Dholera (Gujarat), Shendra-Bidkin (Maharashtra), Greater Noida (Uttar Pradesh), and Vikram Udyogpuri (Madhya Pradesh) – and four currently under construction, taking the total to 20.

These new 12 parks along with the four industrial smart cities that are functional and four that are under construction will take the number of total smart industrial cities in the country to 20. The four functional industrial cities are located in Dholera in Gujarat, Shendra Bidkin in Maharashtra, Greater Noida in Uttar Pradesh and Vikram Udyogpuri in Madhya Pradesh.

The new cities are located in Khurpia (Uttarakhand), Rajpura (Punjab), Agra and Prayagraj (Uttar Pradesh), Gaya (Bihar), Dighi Port (Maharashtra), Jodhpur-Pali-Marwar (Rajasthan), Kopparthy and Orvakal (Andhra Pradesh), Zaheerabad (Telangana), and Palakkad (Kerala). These are coming up on Amritsar-Kolkata, Delhi Mumbai, Vizag-Chennai, Hyderabad-Bengaluru, Hyderabad-Nagpur and Chennai-Bengaluru Industrial Corridors.

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MahaMetro To Prepare DPR For New Shivajinagar-Kondhwa Metro Line With Spur To NIBM

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Pune is set to see enhanced urban mobility as MahaMetro moves forward with plans for a 20 km Metro corridor connecting Shivajinagar to Kondhwa, with an additional spur to the NIBM area.

The detailed project report (DPR) for this extension is expected within three months following the appointment of the consulting agency, reported Times of India.

The new line, designed to improve connectivity across Kondhwa, NIBM, and Yewalewadi, will act as an extension of the ongoing Hinjewadi-Shivajinagar Metro (PMR-3) project, being executed under the public-private partnership (PPP) model by Tata.

"The tenders are in, and we are in the final stages to appoint the agency," a MahaMetro official was quoted as saying.

Once prepared, the DPR will be submitted to the state government and then forwarded to the Centre for approval, with the state taking the final call.

Local leaders have highlighted the urgent need for the corridor, given rising traffic congestion and rapid urban growth.

MLC Yogesh Tilekar, who raised the demand in the recent monsoon session, said, "A dedicated Metro line is essential for this growing area. Authorities should begin a study for this line at the earliest to know the traffic issues and reduce the chaos by implementing the Metro plan."

MahaMetro officials also noted that plans are underway to extend the Hadapsar line to Saswad as part of Line-4, linking the upcoming Purandar airport and enhancing connectivity across the city's western, southern, and eastern zones.

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Uttar Pradesh Approves New City Projects With Rs 1,832 Crore Seed Capital Under CM's Urban Expansion Scheme

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Uttar Pradesh has approved a major funding push for the development of new urban centres, sanctioning Rs 1,832.51 crore as seed capital for projects in Rampur, Ayodhya, Lucknow and the Baghpat-Baraut Khehra Development Authority, according to a state government press release.

The financial backing comes under the Chief Minister's Urban Extension/New City Promotion Scheme, with the first instalment of Rs 970 crore to be released shortly.

For the 2025–26 financial year, the state government has earmarked Rs 3,000 crore for the scheme, which is aimed at ensuring systematic expansion and modernisation of cities while improving housing access for the growing urban population.

The Urban Extension scheme was formalised through a government order on 6 April 2023, setting guidelines for the comprehensive development of emerging cities.

It allows the state to contribute up to 50 per cent of land acquisition costs as seed capital, with repayment scheduled over a maximum of 20 years.

The release stated that the initiative is designed not only to create well-planned, liveable cities but also to balance rapid urbanisation with infrastructure demands.

By funding strategic land acquisition and development, the government hopes to prevent unregulated sprawl and provide structured housing facilities.

The Cabinet has further authorised the Chief Minister to make amendments or modifications to project plans if required, ensuring flexibility in execution.

With Ayodhya and Lucknow already at the heart of the state's development narrative, the inclusion of Rampur and Baghpat-Baraut Khehra signals a wider push to spread growth beyond traditional centres.

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Purandar Airport Moves Ahead With 94 Per Cent Consent Forms For Land Acquisition Received

PTI,

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In May, officials surveying land for the proposed Purandar International Airport were driven away with stones.

Four months later, the mood has shifted dramatically. 94 per cent of consent forms for land acquisition have now been signed, and surveys are being carried out in villages almost without incident, The Indian Express reported.

The change is rooted in three factors. In August, the government cut the acquisition size from 7,000 acres to 3,000 acres.

It also invoked the MIDC's 2019 policy, which guarantees farmers 10 per cent of their acquired land back as developed plots in the Aerocity zone.

Added to this, fatigue from nearly a decade of protest has given way to resignation and a fear of missing out on benefits.

District Collector Jitendra Dudi, who has held more than 100 hours of talks with villagers since May, explained the concerns he sought to address.

"Their basic fear was that even if they get a huge amount of money, they will get completely displaced from the area... After understanding their issues I wanted to come up with a solution where the people will not get displaced, and while doing that they will be the first beneficiary of the project," Dudi was quoted as saying in the IE report.

Farmers themselves admit to a shift in thinking. "If a big farmer gives his consent, the farmers around him feel that 'He has signed it because he knows something. We should not miss out on the benefits he will get,'" a farmer was quoted as saying.

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