

# Road Development in India

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Note: Rs 1 lakh = Rs 0.1 million; Rs 1 crore = Rs 10 million; Rs 100 crore = Rs 1 billion

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## PROJECTS UNDERWAY/COMPLETED

### Work on Mumbai Trans Harbour Link (MTHL) Project to be completed by end January 2024

The construction work on Mumbai Trans Harbour Link (MTHL) Project is likely to be completed by end January 2024 which was earlier scheduled to complete by December 2023.

The project involves construction of a six-lane road bridge across the Mumbai Harbour between Sewri on the island city side (in the Mumbai Port Trust area) and Nhava/Chirle on the Navi Mumbai side.

The link is about 22 km long with a 16.5 km bridge across the sea and a 5.5 km long viaduct on the land.

The exit and entry into this freeway would be through inter-changes at the end points and at the intermediate points on the Navi-Mumbai side.

### MCGM inaugurates Delisle Bridge Project in Maharashtra

The Municipal Corporation of Greater Mumbai (MCGM) has inaugurated the Delisle Bridge Project in Maharashtra.

The project involves construction of 90 m long two lane Delisle Bridge from Lower Parel to Currey Road.

It has been implemented by the Western Railways (WR) and MCGM.

The estimated cost for restoring the railway part (by WR) is Rs 870 million.

The estimated cost of demolition and reconstruction of approach roads (by MCGM) is Rs 1,380 million in Maharashtra.

### State inaugurates Madhya Kailash-Indira Nagar Flyover in Tamil Nadu

The Government of Tamil Nadu inaugurated Madhya Kailash-Indira Nagar Flyover Project on November 23, 2023.

Currently work on Tidel Junction flyover is still ongoing.

The project involves construction of twin unidirectional U-shaped flyovers at Rajiv Gandhi Salai (OMR) near the Indira Nagar MRTS station and at Tidel Park at a sanctioned cost of Rs 1,081.3 million in Tamil Nadu.

It is being implemented by Tamil Nadu Road Development Corporation (TNRDC).

### Dilip Buildcon receives PCC for Repallewada-Telangana/Maharashtra Border Four Laning Road Project

Repallewada Highways Private Limited, a subsidiary of Dilip Buildcon Limited has received the provisional completion certificate (PCC) for completion of Repallewada Telangana/Maharashtra Border Four Laning Road Project (NH-363).

It has been declared fit for entry into commercial operation as on October 20, 2023.

It is expected to complete entirely by March 31, 2024. The project involves four laning of Repallewada-Telangana/Maharashtra Border Road stretch from 288.51 km to 342 km on the National Highway (NH)-363 in Telangana.

### Work on Majuli-Jorhat Bridge Project to be complete by April 2026

The construction work on the Majuli-Jorhat Bridge Project (NH-715K) is expected to complete by April 2026. The road construction connecting on both

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sides of the bridge worth Rs 4,000 million is expected to commence by mid-2024.

The Union government has sanctioned funds worth Rs 9,570 million for the construction of the bridge.

The contract for the same has been awarded to Uttar Pradesh State Bridge Construction Corporation Limited.

The construction of a 6.8-km two-lane bridge between Majuli and Jorhat is set to reach 35 per cent progress by mid-2024.

Casting airwork is ongoing on both sides. The bridge is connecting the world's largest river island of Majuli with the mainland.

The project involves construction of an 8.25 km long bridge connecting Majuli and Jorhat over river Brahmaputra on NH-715K at Dakshinpa in Majuli district in Assam.

Besides, the work on Selek-Dhunaguri bridge connecting Majuli and Lakhimpur is expected to be completed by December 2025.

### **H.G. Infra Engineering receives PCC for Nandurbar-Praksha-Khetia Road Project**

H.G. Infra Engineering Limited has received the PCC for completion of the Nandurbar-Praksha-Khetia (SH-4 & SH-5) Road Project.

It has been declared fit for entry into commercial operation on June 30, 2022.

The project involves rehabilitation and upgradation of Nandurbar (Near Kolde) – Praksha – Shahada – Khetia (SH-4 & SH-5) state highway from existing 50.26 km of SH-5, (Kolde) to 90.22 Km (Khetia) [Design 50.2 km to 98.8 km] to two lane with paved shoulders/four lane in Maharashtra on engineering, procurement and construction (EPC) basis at an estimated cost of Rs 2,981.1 million.

## **AWARDED/PROJECT BIDDERS**

### **Work endorsed to Hazoor Multi Projects for implementation of Arawali-Kante Road Project**

Hazoor Infra Projects Private Limited, a wholly-owned subsidiary company of Hazoor Multi Projects Limited, has received the work order through endorsement agreement for a contract worth Rs 11.29 billion for implementation of Arawali-Kante Four Laning Road Project (NH-66) on November 23, 2023.

It is the new concessionaire for the project while Arawali Kante Multi Projects Private Limited was the earlier concessionaire (substituted) promoted by Hazoor Multi Projects and Roadway Solutions India Infra Limited.

The transaction has been authorised by the Ministry of Road Transport and Highways (MoRTH).

The project involves rehabilitation and upgradation of Arawali-Kante stretch of NH-66 (Old NH-17) from 241.30 km to 281.30 in Maharashtra.

### **Eight firms submit bids for implementation of Sarvardevla-Pal (Madhya Pradesh/ Maharashtra border) Road Project**

A total of eight firms have submitted bids for implementation of Sarvardevla-Pal (Madhya Pradesh/ Maharashtra border) Two Laning Road Project (NH-347C).

These include AK Shivhare Infrastructure Private Limited, Apex Structure Private Limited, BNA Infrastructure Private Limited, B R Goyal Infrastructure Limited, the joint venture (JV) of BRN-SCONS, ISC Projects Private Limited, M.S. Khurana Engineering Limited, and SA Sawant Constructions Private Limited.

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Bids for the same were invited by the MoRTH in August 2023.

The completion and maintenance period for the work is 24 months and five years, respectively.

The project involves upgradation and two laning of 55.8 km long road with paved shoulder from Sarvardevla to Pal (MP/MH Border) Road Section from Design Ch. 81.6 km to 137.4 km on the NH-347C along with one time improvement of 1.95 km in Madhya Pradesh on EPC basis. The sanctioned cost of the project is Rs 4,612.3 million.

### **PNC Infratech, Ranjit Buildcon submits bids for the Maharani Laxmibai Pratima-A.B. Elevated Corridor/Flyover Project**

PNC Infratech Limited and Ranjit Buildcon Limited have submitted bids for implementation of Maharani Laxmibai Pratima-A.B. Four Lane Elevated Corridor/Flyover Project (NH-46).

Bids for the same were invited by the Madhya Pradesh PWD in September 2023.

The completion period and maintenance period are 26 months and 10 years respectively.

The project involves construction of a four-lane elevated corridor/flyover from Maharani Laxmibai Pratima to A.B. Road on the NH-46 near Girwai police chouki on Swarn Rekha River in Gwalior City (M.P.) (2nd Phase) District Gwalior, under (Bridge) division Gwalior in Madhya Pradesh on an EPC basis.

The sanctioned cost of the project is Rs 7,781.4 million.

### **Five firms submit bids for implementation of KB cross-Chunchanahalli Road Project**

A total of five firms have submitted bids for implementation of KB Cross-Chunchanahalli Two laning Road Project.

These include Key Stone Infra Private Limited, SD Infra Private Limited, SRC Infra Developers

Private Limited, Sri Avantika Contractors (I) Limited and Udayshivakumar Infra Limited.

Bids for the same were invited by the Public Works Department, Karnataka (PWD) in July 2023.

The construction and maintenance period for the work is 18 months and five years respectively.

The project involves widening of two lanes with paved shoulder from KB Cross to Chunchanahalli from 494 km to 533.15 km (Design Ch. 485.24 km to 523.39 km) and 540.17 km to 544.2 km (Design Ch. 530.39 km to 534.47 km) at Nelligere on NH-150A in Karnataka.

It is at an estimated cost of Rs 4,465.5 million on EPC basis.

### **Ashoka Buildcon-Aakshya Infra JV emerges as L1 bidder for the Stilt bridge**

The joint venture (JV) of Ashoka Buildcon Limited-Aakshya Infra Projects Private Limited has emerged as lowest bidder (L1) for implementation of Navi Mumbai Airport Eastern Connectivity Project (Stilt Bridge SBR-9).

The company has quoted an amount of Rs 6,692.55 million. Besides, the JV of Ashoka Buildcon Limited-Thakur Infraprojects Private Limited has emerged as L2 bidder by quoting an amount of Rs 6,824.68 million.

Bids for the same were issued by the City and Industrial Development Corporation of Maharashtra (CIDCO) in October 2023.

The completion period for the work is 548 days.

The project involves construction of stilt bridge SBR-9 for eastern connectivity to Navi Mumbai International Airport (NMIA) Project in Maharashtra under NMIA Project.

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## **Rajendra Singh Bhamboo emerges as L1 bidder for implementation of Kondamodu-Perecherla Road Project**

Rajendra Singh Bhamboo Infra Private Limited has emerged as L1 bidder for implementation of Kondamodu-Perecherla Four Laning Road Project (NH-167 AG).

The company has quoted an amount of Rs 5,568.8 million. Besides, IJM (India) Infrastructure and the JV of Renaatus Projects Private Limited-RPP Infra Projects Limited have emerged as L2 and L3 bidders by quoting an amount of Rs 5,730 million and Rs 5,999.99 million respectively.

Bids for the same were invited by the MoRTH in June 2023.

The completion and maintenance period for the work is 24 months and five years, respectively.

The project involves widening of 49.91 km long road to four lanes with paved shoulder connecting from Kondamodu to Perecherla section from 0 km to 49.91 km on the NH-167 AG in Andhra Pradesh on EPC mode under Annual Plan 2022-23.

## **Atlas Constructions emerges as L1 bidder for implementation of Maharajganj-Nichloul-Thuthibari Road Project**

Atlas Constructions Private Limited has emerged as L1 bidder for implementation of Maharajganj-Nichloul-Thuthibari Two Laning Road Project (NH-730S).

The company has quoted an amount of Rs 3,475 million. Besides, SKS Infra Projects Private Limited and the JV of R&C Infraengineers Private Limited-Jandu Construction India Private Limited have emerged as L2 and L3 bidders by quoting an amount of Rs 3,497.8 million and Rs 3,510 million respectively.

Bids for the same were invited by PWD, Uttar Pradesh in March 2023.

The project involves rehabilitation and up-gradation of 40.39 km long road to two-lane paved shoulder configuration on Maharajganj-Nichloul-Thuthibari road from 0 km to 40.39 km on the NH-730S in Uttar Pradesh.

## **FINANCE**

### **IRB's subsidiary inks Rs 44.28 billion concession deal with NHAI**

IRB Infrastructure Developers' subsidiary, IRB Lalitpur Tollway, has finalised a concession agreement with the National Highways Authority of India (NHAI) for the toll-operate-transfer (TOT) project on NH-44, the Lalitpur-Sagar-Lakhnadon section in Uttar Pradesh and Madhya Pradesh.

The special purpose vehicle (SPV) will make an upfront payment of Rs 44.28 billion for tolling, operation, maintenance, and transfer responsibilities along the stretch.

The TOT agreement spans a 20-year concession period with an annual tariff revision featuring a fixed raise of 3 per cent and 40 per cent linked to the wholesale price index (WPI).

## **MISCELLANEOUS**

### **NHAI's strategic measures to curb costs and streamlining land acquisition**

The NHAI has implemented revised guidelines to streamline land acquisition and mitigate potential cost escalations.

The initiative aims to secure higher compensation by expediting approval processes.

The new procedure mandates the submission of detailed project reports featuring three alignments post-stakeholder consultation.

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NHAI will collaborate with state authorities to prevent land sale-purchase and changes in land use after finalising project approval and alignment.

Revenue records will be promptly updated in line with the approved plans.

The guidelines prioritise timely approvals, requiring projects to secure them by June 30 annually or within three months of scheme inclusion.

### **MoRTH aims to spend around Rs 1.85 trillion capex by December 2023**

The MoRTH anticipates spending a capital expenditure (capex) of approximately Rs 1.85 trillion by December 2023.

Originally planning to spend over 90 per cent of its Rs 2.59 trillion capex for 2023-24 by December, the ministry faced hindrances such as heavy rains, land allocation delays, and state elections, resulting in a project awarding slowdown since July 2023.

Despite the setback, the government remains optimistic about surpassing the targeted 12,500 km road construction for 2022-23 and allocated Rs 2.57 trillion capex outlined in budget 2023-24.

The revised strategy involves accelerated spending before December 2023 and a push for higher capex in January and February 2024.

### **State government completes 5,000 km road network in 6.5 years**

The Uttar Pradesh government has successfully completed a comprehensive 5,000 km road network across the state within 6.5 years.

Allocating a substantial budget of approximately Rs 900 billion for road development, the government focused on connecting 26 tehsil headquarters and 153 block headquarters with two-lane roads.

Presently, 131 block headquarters are linked with two lanes, with ongoing efforts to connect the remaining 22.

Notable progress includes 99 per cent completion in 16 block headquarters, 74 per cent in three, 24 per cent in two, and 49 per cent in one.

Further plans involve a Rs 1.74 billion proposal for a 48 km road and Rs 21.71 billion for routes along international/interstate borders.

The government also addresses village connectivity, industrial park roads, and industrial development projects to enhance the state's infrastructure.

### **Bengaluru's high-density corridors to witness Rs 4 billion overhaul from December 2023**

Bengaluru's nine major corridors, including the Outer Ring Road, are set for a comprehensive Rs 4 billion makeover beginning December 2023.

The Bruhat Bengaluru Mahanagara Palike (BBMP) secured government nod for the project, encompassing improvements such as carriageway width correction, cycle track creation, green landscaping, and shared bike/cycle parking facilities.

The 109 km stretch's enhancement may involve trimming certain sections by 1-4 m to ensure uniformity and alleviate bottlenecks.

The approved project excludes Bannerghatta Road, Sarjapur Road, and West of Chord Road but covers asphalt work, footpath development, and new streetlight installation.

Originally estimated at over Rs 10 billion, the revised project gained approval during the previous Basavaraj Bommai government tenure.