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PM Modi To Inaugurate Projects Worth Over 77,000 Crore In Gujarat, Focus On Rail, Power, Ports And Urban Development  
Swarajya,  
May 26, 2025

Prime Minister Narendra Modi will visit Gujarat on 26 and 27 May to unveil and launch an expansive portfolio of energy, roads, water supply, tourism, and port development projects across Bhuj and Gandhinagar worth over Rs 77,000 crore, according to a PMO press release.

On 26 May, PM Modi will first arrive in Dahod where he will dedicate a Locomotive Manufacturing Plant to the nation and flag off an Electric Locomotive. He will then lay the foundation stone and inaugurate projects worth Rs 24,000 crore, followed by a public address.

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In Bhuj later that afternoon, the Prime Minister will launch multiple high-value projects exceeding Rs 53,400 crore, particularly in power and infrastructure.

According to the Gujarat CMO, key power initiatives include the inauguration of the 220/66 kV Babarzar Substation, 132/66 kV Kansumra Substation in Jamnagar, and solar PV projects totalling over 250 MW across Morbi, Kutch, and Jamnagar.

Important road upgrades include the Layja-Bada-Mapar-Modkuba-Suthari stretch and the Dhordo Tent City access road.

In the port sector, the Kandla Port will witness the launch of expanded infrastructure such as Oil Jetty No. 8, transit storage godowns, new port staff residential quarters, and a Centre of Excellence in Gandhidham.

The Prime Minister will also lay the foundation stone for strategic future projects, including the 800 kV HVDC line from the Khavda Renewable Energy Zone, transmission systems to support 7 GW of additional renewable energy, and new 400/220 kV substations in Kutch and Ahmedabad.

Additional developments include the 800 MW Ultra Super Critical Thermal Power Plant at Ukai, a green hydrogen production facility, several Road Over Bridges, and six-lane upgrades in the Kandla region.

Notably, the development of Hyperloop Pod Technology at Kandla Port and enhanced tourism infrastructure at Dholavira are also on the cards.

On 27 May in Gandhinagar, the PM will launch Urban Development Year 2025, inaugurate more than 22,000 PMAY units, and release Rs 3,300 crore to urban local bodies, marking 20 years of Gujarat's urban transformation efforts.

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## PM Modi to launch projects worth over Rs 53,000 crore during two-day Gujarat visit

FE Online,  
May 26, 2025

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Prime Minister Narendra Modi will visit Gujarat on May 26 and 27 for the first time after Operation Sindoor, according to a release from the Gujarat Chief Minister's Office (CMO). During his visit, PM Modi will inaugurate and lay the foundation stone for a host of development projects in Dahod, Bhuj, and Gandhinagar, with the bulk of the events taking place in Bhuj on May 26.

On that day, the Prime Minister will kickstart 33 major infrastructure and development projects worth Rs 53,414 crore. These projects cut across key sectors including energy, roads, water supply, tourism, and port development, and involve major government departments such as the Energy and Petrochemicals Department, Roads and Buildings Department, and the Deendayal Port Authority.

### **Solar Power, Substations, and Roads Among Inaugurated Projects**

In Bhuj, PM Modi will inaugurate key power and infrastructure projects including the 220/66 kV Babarzar Substation, 132/66 kV Kansumra Substation in Jamnagar, and solar PV projects totaling over 250 MW across Morbi, Kutch, and Jamnagar districts. Road upgrades such as Layja-Bada-Mapar-Modkuba-Suthari road and the Dhordo Tent City access road are also part of the launch.

In the port sector, major expansions at Kandla include Oil Jetty No. 8, transit storage godowns, and additional connectivity roads for smoother EXIM cargo movement. Residential quarters for port staff and a new Centre of Excellence in Gandhidham are also part of the projects.

### **Foundation Stone for Future Energy and Transport Hubs**

The Prime Minister will also lay the foundation stone for ambitious upcoming projects such as the 800 kV HVDC line from the Khawda Renewable Energy Zone, transmission systems to support 7 GW of additional solar and wind power, and new 400/220 kV substations in Kutch and Ahmedabad.

Other major initiatives include the 800 MW Ultra Super Critical Thermal Power Plant at Ukai, green hydrogen production facility, and several Road Over Bridges and six-lane road upgrades in the Kandla area. The development of Hyperloop Pod Technology at Kandla Port and tourism infrastructure at Dholavira are also planned.

### **Focus on Renewable Energy, Ports, and Tourism**

These wide-ranging projects reflect the Centre's push for clean energy, improved transport infrastructure, port-led development, and religious tourism. The Prime Minister's visit is expected to bolster investor confidence and accelerate the implementation of flagship schemes in Gujarat.

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## **UP government to invest Rs 6,124 crore on building ring roads, bypasses**

The Economic Times,  
May 26, 2025

### *Synopsis*

*The Uttar Pradesh government is poised to invest Rs 6,124 crore in constructing ring roads, bypasses, and flyovers to enhance connectivity and traffic management across the state. The Public Works Department's blueprint for the financial year 2025-26 includes 62 projects, prioritizing high-density regions and areas with heavy vehicular movement.*

The Uttar Pradesh government is set to invest Rs 6,124 crore in the construction of ring roads, bypasses, and flyovers across the state, it said in a statement on Sunday. The Public Works Department (PWD) has prepared a blueprint that outlines road connectivity expansion for the financial year 2025-26 with 62 projects in all.

According to the PWD, priority will be given to high density regions and those with heavy vehicular movement.

The initiative not only aims to boost connectivity but also improve traffic management.

Under the initiative, various types of industrial parks are being developed across the state, with such factors as freight movement and road connectivity in consideration.

PWD said that in the current financial year it will build 62 bypasses and ring roads with priority in areas having a population of over one lakh.

Municipalities and councils connected already with national highways will not be included in this plan.

In those areas, the construction of bypasses and ring roads will be carried out by the National Highways Authority of India, the statement said.

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## Yogi Government Plans Rs 900 Crore 'Bharat Path' Linking Bharatkund In Ayodhya To Ram Temple

The Financial Express,  
May 26, 2025

The Uttar Pradesh government has reportedly proposed the construction of a new spiritual corridor in Ayodhya named 'Bharat Path', connecting Bharatkund where Lord Ram's brother Bharat is believed to have performed penance, to the Ram temple.

According to government, the 20 km road is estimated to cost Rs 900 crore, PTI reported.

"In a move to further elevate Ayodhya's stature as a global religious and cultural hub, Chief Minister Yogi Adityanath has proposed the construction of 'Bharat Path', a new spiritual corridor that will connect Bharatkund, the sacred site of Lord Ram's devoted brother Bharat," the government's official statement was quoted as saying by PTI.

"With an estimated cost of Rs 900 crore, the Public Works Department (PWD) has already submitted the proposal for approval. The route aims to offer devotees improved access and a deeper spiritual experience, reinforcing Ayodhya's central role in India's religious landscape," it added.

The proposed road will begin at the Ranopali railway crossing on Ram Path and extend to Bharatkund via Vidyakund and Darshannagar along the Prayagraj highway.

Currently a two-lane road, Bharat Path will be widened to include 9 metre wide lanes on either side and a 2.5 metre central divider.

"This design will ensure the road is not only smooth but also safe and well-organised for traffic management. Bharat Path will be developed with grandeur and devotion akin to Ram Path, providing devotees with a spiritually enriching experience," the government said.

The initiative follows a significant surge in pilgrim footfall after the Ram temple's construction, prompting the state to upgrade key roads including Ram Path, Bhakti Path, and Janmabhoomi Path.

"Work is also underway to widen the Panchkosi and Chaudashkosi Parikrama routes," it noted.

"The detailed project report for Bharat Path has been submitted to the headquarters. The estimated cost of the project is Rs 900 crore," S P Bharti, Executive Engineer of the PWD's provincial section was quoted as saying by PTI.

"Work will commence as soon as approval is granted. Floodlights will be installed along the route to ensure proper illumination," Bharti added.

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## MMRDA likely to start construction work on Mumbai Metro's Kanjurmarg–Badlapur metro line 14 within a year, eyes PPP model: report

The Economic Times,  
May 26, 2025

The Mumbai Metropolitan Region Development Authority (MMRDA) is expected to commence the work on the proposed 39 km Metro Line 14, connecting Kanjurmarg to Badlapur within a year, Mid-Day reported.

The project is reportedly being considered for implementation under a Public Private Partnership (PPP) model.

According to senior MMRDA officials cited in the Mid-Day report, the stretch is projected to cut down road travel time by 1.5 to 2 hours and cater to an estimated daily ridership of around 7 lakh passengers.

The draft Detailed Project Report (DPR) for the Magenta Line 14 has been submitted by Milan Metro.

The new corridor is expected to adopt a hybrid structure, with underground tracks from Kanjurmarg to Ghansoli, and elevated lines from Ghansoli to Badlapur, mirroring aspects of Milan's metro infrastructure.

The MMRDA has expressed optimism about floating tenders and commencing construction soon.

However, the final decision on adopting the PPP model is pending a thorough review.

"The MMRDA has already had a bad experience implementing a metro project on a PPP basis, so the final decision on the model should only be made after studying all aspects thoroughly," a source was quoted as saying by Mid-Day.

The line is expected to significantly reduce congestion on arterial roads that often experience hour-long traffic snarls, particularly during peak hours.

Environmental and forest clearances will be crucial, as the proposed alignment passes near Parsik Hills and the Thane Creek Flamingo Sanctuary.

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## Indian Railways Launches Longest Rail Flyover Girder On Western Dedicated Freight Corridor At Kalamboli In Maharashtra

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In a significant advancement for India's freight infrastructure, the Indian Railways has successfully launched a 110.5-meter-long, 1,500-tonne rail flyover girder at Kalamboli, Maharashtra on the Western Dedicated Freight Corridor (WDFC).

This is the longest rail flyover girder of the Dedicated Freight Corridor Corporation of India Limited (DFCCIL), which is the executing agency for the WDFC.

"Pushing the horizons of design and freight delivery, Indian Railways launches a 1500 tonnes, 110.5m Rail Flyover Girder at Kalamboli, Maharashtra, on the Western Dedicated Freight Corridor,

its longest yet and a feat of engineering brilliance," the Ministry of Railways said on Sunday (25 May).

This comes as the DFCCIL is eyeing October 2025 to complete the final segment of the western dedicated freight corridor (WDFC), finishing the massive corridor project ahead of the scheduled December commissioning, Financial Express had reported citing a DFCCIL official.

Once the Vaitarna–JNPT section is ready, DFCCIL will have completed the construction of the 1,504-km long WDFC, which runs from Dadri in Uttar Pradesh to JNPT in Navi Mumbai.

The first leg of dedicated freight corridor operations in Maharashtra began on 27 April with a successful speed trial on the 75-km New Umbergaon Road–New Saphale stretch.

WDFC's original commissioning was planned for March 2025 but was delayed to December due to executional challenges.

With EDFC already commissioned in 2024, both corridors are set to decongest freight traffic, cut logistics costs, and enhance operational efficiency.

Though DFCs make up just 4 per cent of Indian Railways' total network, they are already handling 14 per cent of all freight traffic on rail network.

DFC trains clock average speeds of 55–60 kmph—over twice the 18–20 kmph average of regular Indian Railways freight trains.

While passenger services run at a loss, DFCs are emerging as profitable revenue drivers for Indian Railways.

WDFC primarily moves container cargo along with imported coal, fertilisers, and foodgrains, while EDFC links northern power plants in UP, Delhi, Haryana, Punjab, and Rajasthan to eastern coal fields.

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**Sole Bidder in Race for Preparing DPRs Of New Gurugram Metro Corridors; Technical Evaluation Underway: Report**  
Swarajya,  
May 26, 2025

The Haryana Mass Rapid Transport Corporation (HMRTC) has received only one bid for the preparation of Detailed Project Reports (DPRs) for two proposed metro corridors in Gurugram, Hindustan Times reported, citing officials familiar with the matter.

The technical evaluation of the lone bid is currently underway, following which the financial bid will be opened.

The tender was floated on 19 March to appoint a consultant for the DPRs of the two Mass Rapid Transit System (MRTS) corridors.

"The HMRTC Board had accorded the approval for the preparation of a DPR of the above two MRTS corridors. Tender for the appointment of a consultant for the preparation of DPR has been floated. One bid has been received, which is under examination," stated an official HMRTC communique.

The proposed Bhondsi to Gurugram railway station metro line will cover approximately 17 km, running mostly along Sohna Road. It will pass through key locations including Vatika Chowk, Subash Chowk, Rajiv Chowk, Sadar Bazar, and the Gurugram bus stand.

Officials noted that this corridor will connect with the planned Delhi-Gurugram-Alwar Regional Rapid Transit System (RRTS) at Rajiv Chowk and integrate with the approved Metro extension from Millennium City Centre Metro station near Gurugram railway station.

The second proposed corridor, spanning 13.6 km from Golf Course Extension Road to Sector 5, is proposed to stop at Millennium City Centre Metro station, Signature Tower crossing, Rana Pratap Chowk, and Atul Kataria Chowk, broadly aligning along Sheetla Mata Road.

These corridors will integrate with the existing Gurugram metro project and the RRTS network along National Highway-48 through key interchange stations, a GMDA official told HT.

Meanwhile, Gurugram Metro Rail Limited (GMRL), the state-run special purpose vehicle, has already issued tenders for the civil construction of the 15 km Gurugram metro line between Millennium City Centre and Sector 9.

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## Telangana CM Revanth Reddy Seeks Centre's Nod For Rs 24,269 Crore Hyderabad Metro Phase-II

The Hindu,  
May 26, 2025

Telangana Chief Minister A Revanth Reddy on Saturday (24 May) called on Prime Minister Narendra Modi in Delhi and made a detailed pitch for several key infrastructure and industrial projects.

The projects included the Rs 24,269 crore Hyderabad Metro Rail Phase-II and official recognition of the Hyderabad-Bangalore defence manufacturing corridor, reported PTI.

According to a statement from the Telangana government, the Chief Minister made a comprehensive presentation on four major sectors — metro expansion, regional connectivity, semiconductor ecosystem development and defence manufacturing during a meeting held at Bharat Mandapam.

Reddy sought cabinet approval for the 76.4 km Phase-II metro project, which includes five corridors.

Of the total project cost, the Centre is expected to contribute 18 per cent (Rs 4,230 crore), the state 30 per cent (Rs 7,313 crore), and the remainder (Rs 11,693 crore) through debt financing.

He pointed out that other metro projects such as Chennai Metro Phase-II and Bangalore Metro Phase-III have already secured central approvals, and urged parity for Hyderabad.

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Reddy also pressed for simultaneous execution of both northern and southern parts of the proposed Regional Ring Road around Hyderabad.

The Chief Minister further proposed a Regional Ring Railway and a greenfield expressway linking Bandar port to Hyderabad's dry port, aimed at supporting the pharmaceutical sector.

He highlighted Telangana's growing semiconductor ecosystem and urged central support under the India Semiconductor Mission.

Reddy also sought notification of the Hyderabad-Bangalore defence corridor, citing Hyderabad's mature ecosystem and the presence of major global and domestic defence firms.

e proposed Hyderabad as the host city for the next DefExpo.

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