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Samruddhi Expressway (State Series)

Major Boost to the Economic Development of Maharashtra

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“Apart from reducing the distance between Nagpur and Mumbai, the 'Samruddhi Mahamarg' is connecting 24 districts of Maharashtra with modern means of connectivity.”

- [Prime Minister Narendra Modi](#)

SAMRUDDHI EXPRESSWAY: INTRODUCTION

Expansion of infrastructure is crucial to accelerate the process of overall development of the country.

Samruddhi Mahamarg or Nagpur-Mumbai Super Communication Expressway project is a major step towards realising the Prime Minister's vision of improved connectivity and infrastructure across the country.

The **701-km expressway** - being built at a **cost of about Rs 55,000 crores** - is one of **India's longest expressways**, passing through Maharashtra's 10 districts and prominent urban regions of Amravati, Aurangabad and Nashik. The expressway will also help improve the connectivity of adjoining 14 other districts, thus helping in the development of about 24 districts of the state, including the regions of Vidarbha, Marathwada and North Maharashtra.



On [December 11, 2022](#)¹, Prime Minister Narendra Modi inaugurated Phase - I of Hindu Hrudaysamrat Balasaheb Thackeray Maharashtra Samruddhi Mahamarg, covering a distance of 520 kilometres and **connecting Nagpur and Shirdi**.

Espousing Prime Minister Narendra Modi's vision of integrated planning and coordinated implementation of infrastructure connectivity projects under PM Gati Shakti, the Samruddhi Mahamarg will connect to the Delhi Mumbai Expressway, Jawaharlal Nehru Port Trust and tourist locations like Ajanta Ellora Caves, Shirdi, Verul, Lonar, etc. Samruddhi Mahamarg

¹<https://www.pib.gov.in/PressReleasePage.aspx?PRID=1882484>

will be a game-changer in providing a major boost to the economic development of Maharashtra.



MAJOR FEATURES AND HIGHLIGHTS OF THE PROJECT

- ✚ It will be the country's most extensive 'Greenfield' route alignment with the proposal to plant more than 11 lakh trees on both sides along the expressway.
- ✚ The project recorded the fastest land acquisition ever done in the country, i.e., **8,861.02 Hectares of land across 10 districts within 18 months.**
- ✚ As part of the [National Gas Grid](#)², the Mumbai–Nagpur–Raipur–Angul Gas pipeline will run along the expressway.
- ✚ Based on the Wildlife Institute of India (WII) suggestions, **wildlife mitigation measures are planned**, and necessary structures like cattle underpasses are built for uninterrupted wildlife movement.
- ✚ With **Electric Vehicle charging points** proposed at prospecting locations along the expressway and **solar plants** planned to generate 47 MW of energy, the Samruddhi Corridor aims to become a model of an energy-efficient corridor.

PROJECT STATISTICS



701 KM

Length of Samruddhi Expressway

392 VILLAGES
connected by the expressway



24,255 ACRES

Land required for the project (approx)

RS. 55,000 CRORES

Total Project Cost



² <https://mopng.gov.in/en/pdc/investible-projects/oil-amp-gas-infrastructure/natural-gas-pipelines>

- ✚ The Samrudhi Expressway and the interchanges to be constructed at 24 places will connect many tourist destinations in the state. This will **boost tourism** in the State. To know the distance of tourist destinations from the expressway, [Click Here](#).
- ✚ This expressway will include an **intelligent highway management system** for traffic surveillance along with CCTV cameras and free telephone booths installed at an approximate distance of 5 km on the expressway for quick reporting of mishaps or emergencies.
- ✚ The total width of the expressway will be 120 meters comprising 6 lanes (provision for 8 lanes in future).
- ✚ The expressway will pass through **10 districts, 26 talukas, and 392 villages**.
- ✚ The Samruddhi Expressway will **ensure travel between Nagpur and Mumbai in just 8 hours**.
- ✚ The expressway will ensure a **state-of-the-art transport network** with the construction of diverse structures including:



KRUSHI SAMRUDDHI NAGAR (NEW TOWN)

Krushi Samruddhi Kendra (New Townships) is envisioned to develop along the Hindu Hrudaysamrat Balasaheb Thackeray Maharashtra Samruddhi Mahamarg. **18 new townships will be developed along the Samruddhi Expressway**, which will create a network of industrial centres along the highway and enable the economic development of these areas. When industrial development occurs in these agriculture-oriented towns, these towns will emerge as major industrial centres.

PROJECT BENEFITS

BUSINESS PROSPERITY

The Hindu Hrudaysamrat Balasaheb Thackeray Maharashtra Samruddhi Expressway will be connecting to the major markets of Nagpur, Aurangabad, and Mumbai due to the harmonious network of various agricultural products and industrialization in the state.

Krishi Samruddhi Kendra's agri-entrepreneurs and investors will be provided with **world-class facilities and markets for easy trade with easy transportation services**. Businesses will also prosper as human resources, and skilled, unskilled workforce will be readily available to agriculturally prosperous cities.

ACCELERATION OF ECONOMIC GROWTH

The Hindu Hrudaysamrat Balasaheb Thackeray Maharashtra Samruddhi Mahamarg' will connect the State of Maharashtra with the [Delhi-Mumbai Industrial Corridor \(DMIC\)](#)³ and the **Western Dedicated Freight Corridor**.

This will boost the export trade in the state. The highway and the roads connected to it will be accessible to various tourist destinations. The expressway will accelerate economic development in the developing areas of Vidarbha and Marathwada.

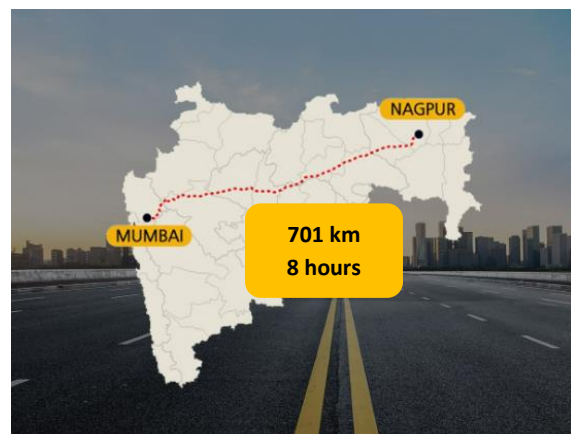
EMPLOYMENT OPPORTUNITIES

Agricultural Prosperity Towns and their agro-based industries will provide self-employment, and other employment opportunities, and improve agricultural income. Also, non-agricultural-based employment opportunities will be created in rural areas. This will help reduce inequality and poverty in the state. **Each agriculturally prosperous city will employ approximately 20,000 to 25,000 people.**

FAST TRAVEL

The distance from Mumbai to Nagpur on the Samruddhi Expressway will cover a distance of 701 km in just 8 hours.

WiFi and telephone services and many other facilities will be provided along the roadside of the Samruddhi Expressway.



SUBSISTENCE TO LANDOWNERS

Krishi Samruddhi Kendra will provide many options for subsistence farmers. They will benefit from various self-employment, wage employment, and business ventures being set up in the city. It will also help generate more revenue from agro-processing units, cold storage plants, warehouses, logistics, veterinary clinics, and agribusinesses.

³ <https://pib.gov.in/PressReleaseDetailm.aspx?PRID=1742404>

GLIMPSES OF THE PROJECT



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