

Cabinet briefing

Saturday, 18th April 2026



Cabinet decisions

| # | Decisions | Amount (Rs) |
|--------------|--|-----------------------|
| 1 | Bharat Maritime Insurance Pool | 12,980 Cr |
| 2 | Increase in DA and DR | 6,791 Cr |
| 3 | Pradhanmantri Gram Sadak Yojana 3 extension | 83,977 Cr |
| 4 | Ghaziabad – Sitapur 3 rd and 4 th rail line | 14,926 Cr |
| 5 | Rajahmundry (Nidadavolu) – Vishakhapatnam (Duvvada) 3 rd and 4 th line | 9,889 Cr |
| Total | | Rs 1,28,563 Cr |



Bharat Maritime Insurance Pool (Rs 12,980 Cr)

Bharat Maritime Insurance pool

- Conflict in West Asia has impacted maritime shipping adversely
- Insurers approving on case to case basis
- Insurance premiums have increased significantly
- Cabinet approved Bharat Maritime Insurance pool
- **Rs 12,980 Cr sovereign guarantee fund to facilitate maritime insurance**
- **Will cover all maritime risks like hull and machinery, cargo, P&I and war risks**
- Vessels covered:
 - **India flagged vessels**
 - **India controlled vessels**
 - **Vessels with India as origin or destination**
- Duration: **10 years, extendable up to 15 years**

Benefits

- **Assuring continuity of insurance** coverage
- Will **reduce dependency on foreign insurers**
- Will help **facilitating reciprocal insurance coverage** from other non IG clubs
- Will **save forex outgo** on insurance premiums



Increase in DA and DR (Rs 6,791 Cr)

Increase in DA and DR

- Cabinet approved **increase in DA and DR by 2%**
- DA/DR will now be **60%** of basic pay
- Effective date: **1st Jan 2026**
- Will benefit **50.5 Lakh employees** and **68.3 Lakh pensioners** of Central Government
- Financial implication: **Rs 6,791 Cr** per year



Continuation of PMGSY 3 (Rs 83,977 Cr)

Pradhan Mantri Gram Sadak Yojana

- PMGSY is one of India's largest rural infrastructure schemes
- Provides all weather connectivity to unconnected rural habitations
- Total expenditure on PMGSY till date: **3.56 Lakh Cr**
- One of the most transformative infrastructure schemes
- PMGSY 3 was started in 2019 with timeline of March 2025

PMGSY achievements



**7.95 Lakh km roads
constructed**

PMGSY achievements



**10,666 bridges
constructed**

PMGSY achievements

**7 lakh facilities
connected**



A photograph of three young girls in school uniforms (blue and white checkered) with large red bows in their hair. They are gathered around a laptop, looking at the screen with interest. The girl on the left is pointing at the screen. The background shows an outdoor setting with trees and a building.

PMGSY impact

**Daily school attendance
increased from 56% to 65%**

PMGSY impact



**Average cost of the trip to
mandi reduced by **Rs 256****

PMGSY impact



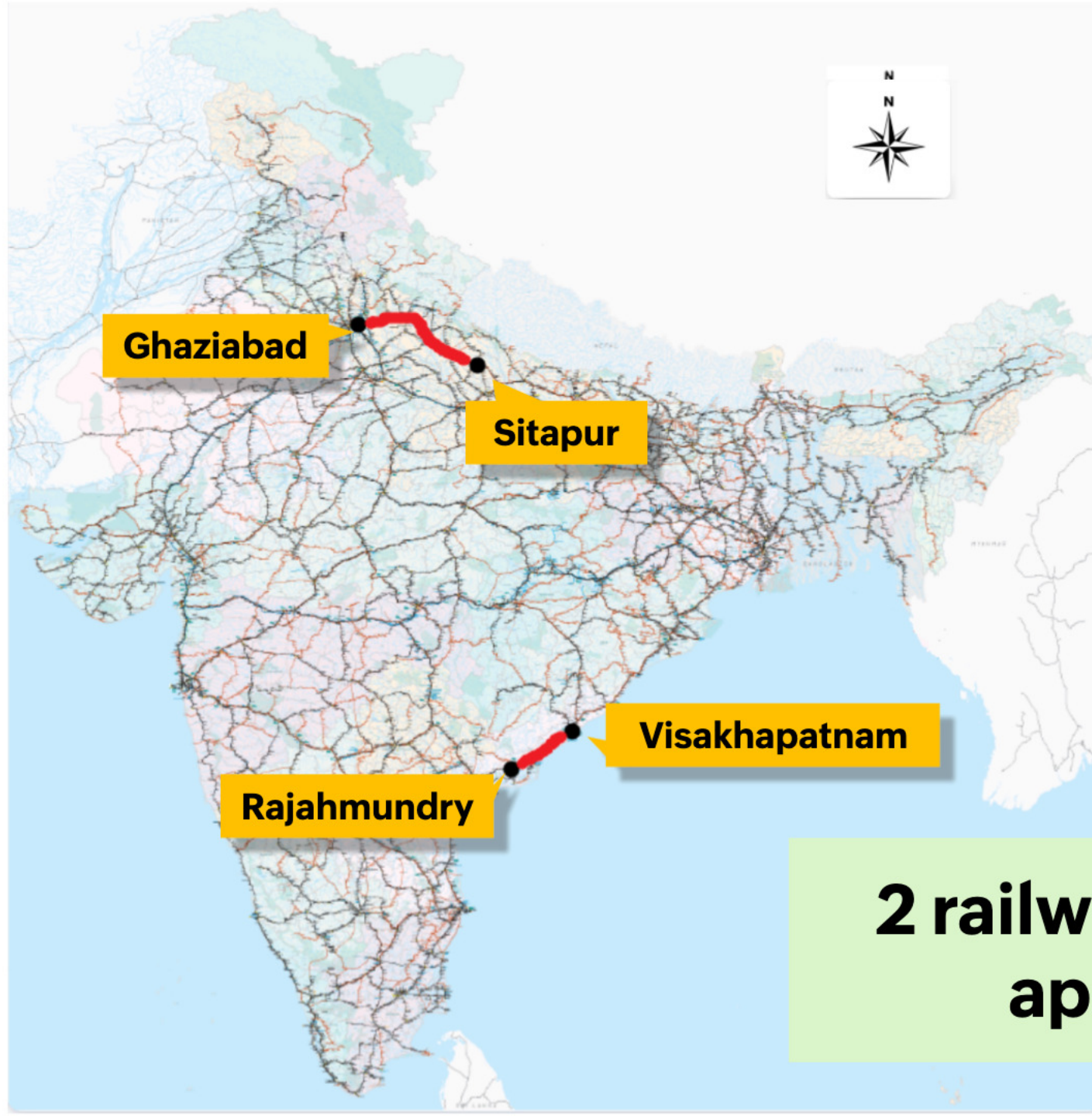
**Rural ambulance access
increased from 20% to 51%**

PMGSY 3

- Cabinet approved **continuation of PMGSY 3 with extended timelines**
- **Outlay increased to Rs 83,977 Cr**
- **Centre outlay: Rs 54,848 Cr and states outlay: Rs 29,129 Cr**
- **Funding pattern: 60:40 in most states and 90:10 in NE and hilly states**
- Timelines extended:
 - Plain areas: Mar 2028 for roads and bridges
 - Hilly areas: Mar 2028 for roads and Mar 2029 for bridges

Benefits

- Extension will ensure no project is stranded mid-construction
- Will continue to boost rural economy and trade
- Will enhance access to schools, colleges, healthcare centers, and mandis in remote areas
- Will generate employment opportunities and support local livelihoods
- Will strengthen tourism and regional connectivity
- Will contribute to the vision of Viksit Bharat 2047



Ghaziabad

Sitapur

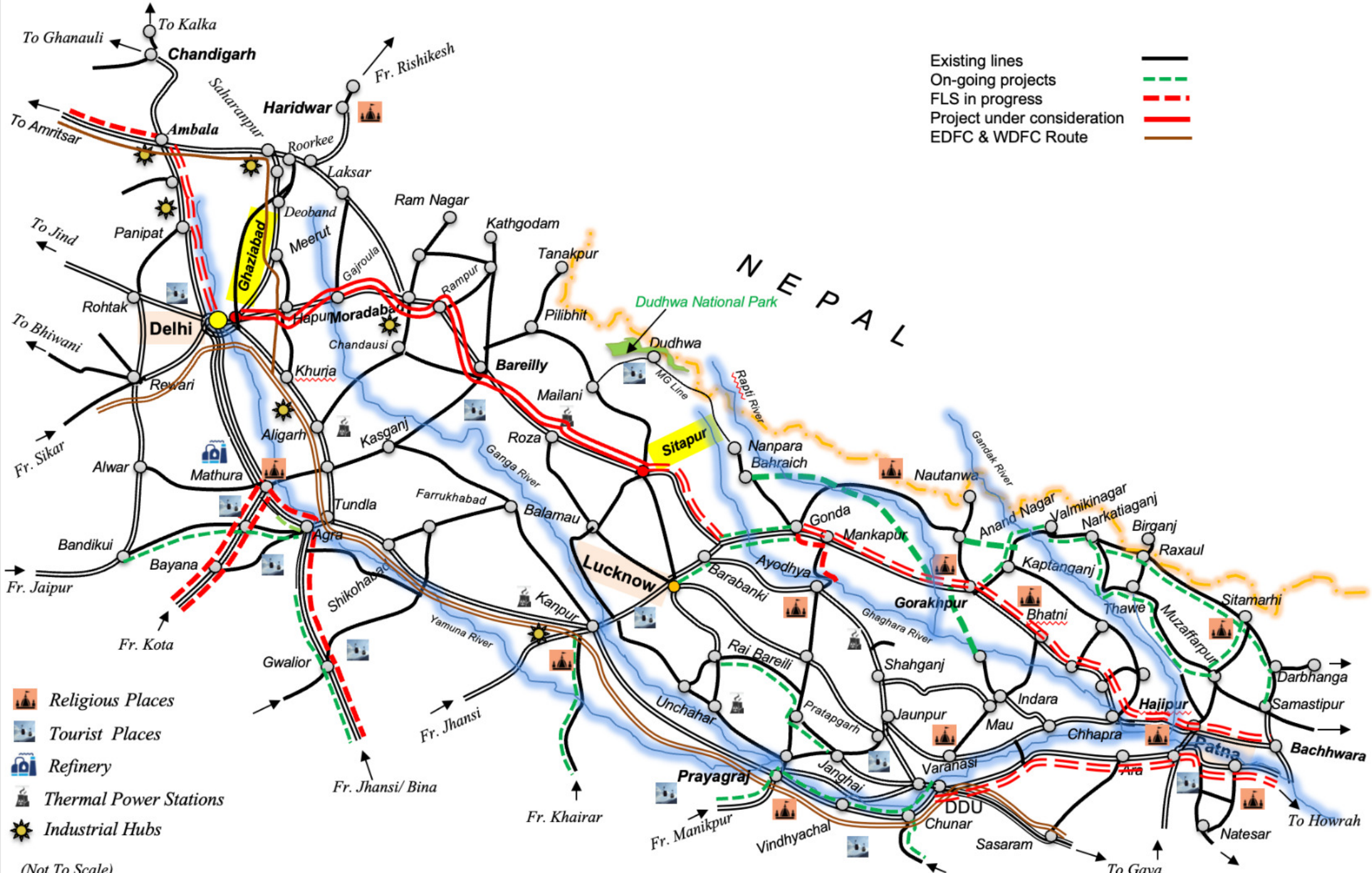
Rajahmundry

Visakhapatnam

2 railway projects approved



Ghaziabad – Sitapur 3rd and 4th line (403 km; Rs 14,926 Cr)



- Existing lines
- On-going projects
- FLS in progress
- Project under consideration
- EDFC & WDFC Route

- Religious Places
- Tourist Places
- Refinery
- Thermal Power Stations
- Industrial Hubs

(Not To Scale)

Ghaziabad – Sitapur 3rd and 4th line

- Ghaziabad – Sitapur is key section of Delhi – Guwahati High Density Network
- **Cabinet approved 3rd and 4th line between Ghaziabad and Sitapur**
- Route Length: **403 km**
- Estimated Cost: **14,926 Cr**
- Project duration: **4 years**
- **6 new stations will be constructed** – New Hapur, New Moradabad, New Rampur, New Bareilly, New Shahjahanpur, New Sitapur
- Districts: **Ghaziabad, Hapur, Amroha, Moradabad, Rampur, Bareilly, Shahjahanpur, Lakhimpur Kheri, Hardoi and Sitapur (Uttar Pradesh)**

Ghaziabad – Sitapur 3rd and 4th line

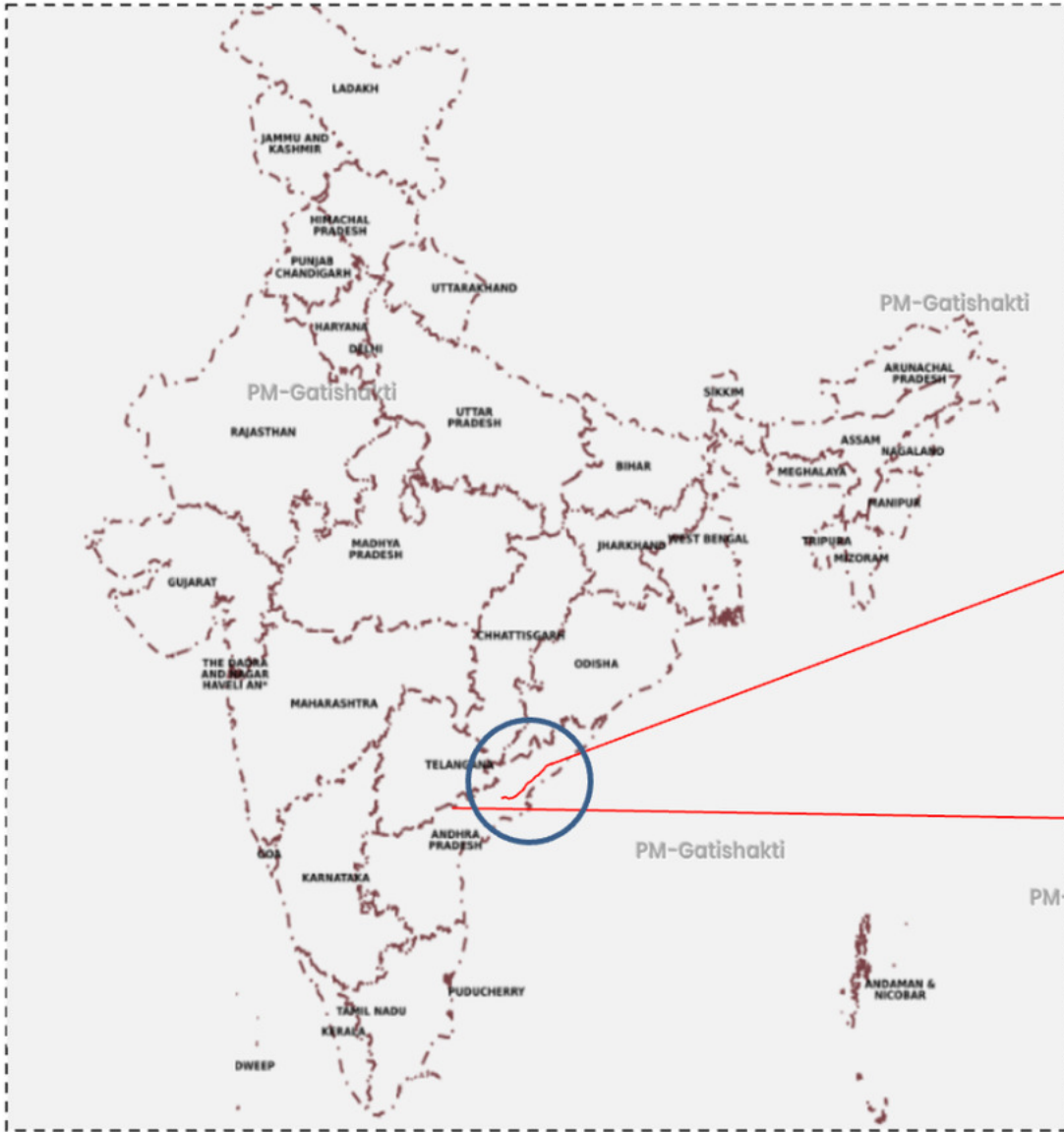
| Feature | Details |
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| Bridges | 5 mega bridge 52 major bridges 306 minor bridges |
| RUBs | 238 |
| ROBs | 9 |
| RORs | 5 |
| Route Length | 403 km |
| Track Length | 859 km |

Benefits

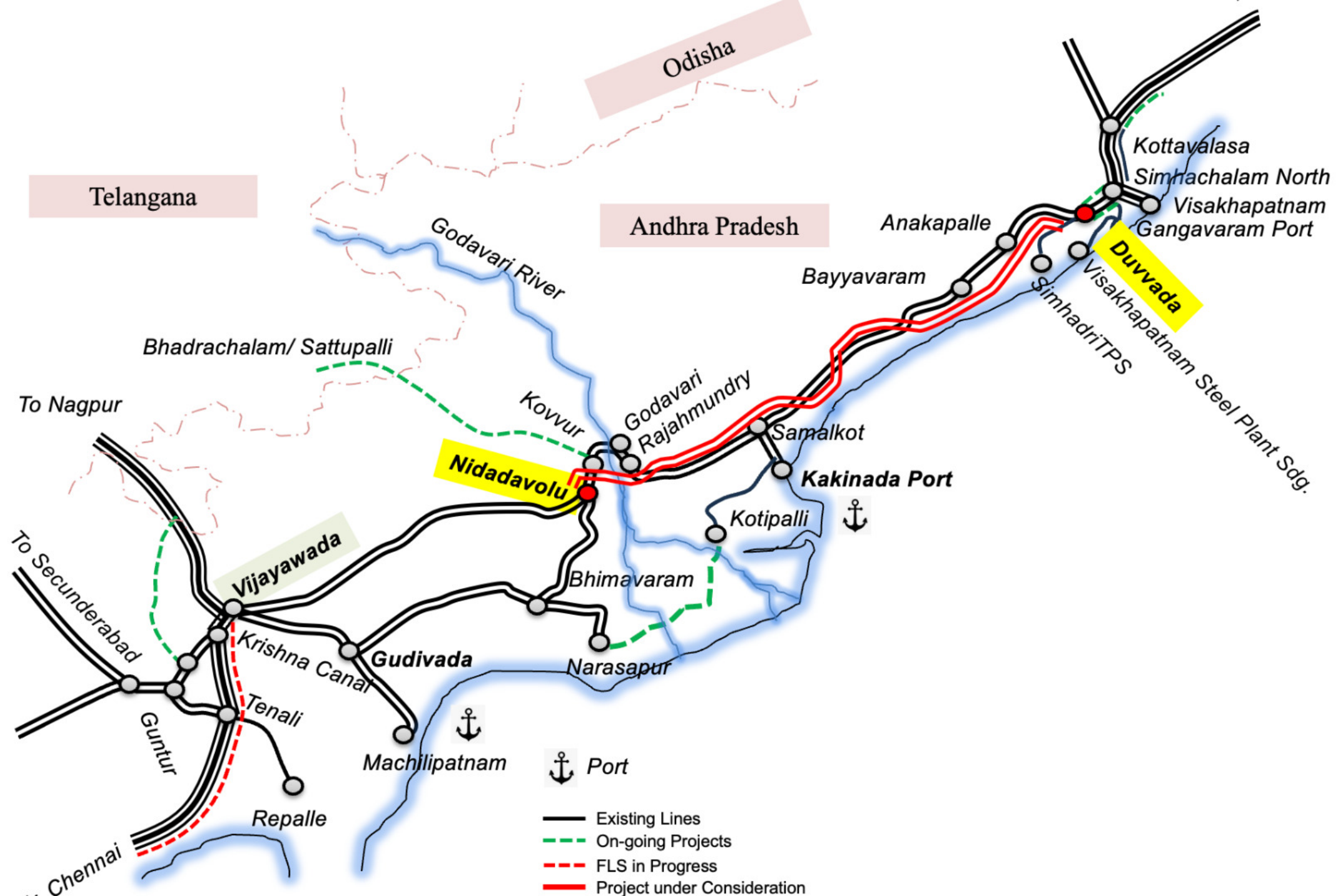
- Will improve the connectivity between Northern and Eastern states
- Will facilitate faster movement of long distance trains and freight trains
- Will cater to key industrial hubs – machinery, electronics, pharma (Ghaziabad), brassware, handicrafts (Moradabad), furniture, textile and carpet (Shahjahanpur)
- Will improve regional access to key tourist attractions – Dudheshwarnath temple, Garhmukteshwar temple, Dargah Shah Wilayat Jama Masjid (Amroha)
- Will facilitate additional freight traffic of **36 million ton per annum**
- CO₂ saving: **129 Cr kg every year** equivalent to planting approx **5 Cr trees**
- Logistic Cost Saving: **Rs 2,877 Cr every year**
- Employment generation: **274 lakh human-days**



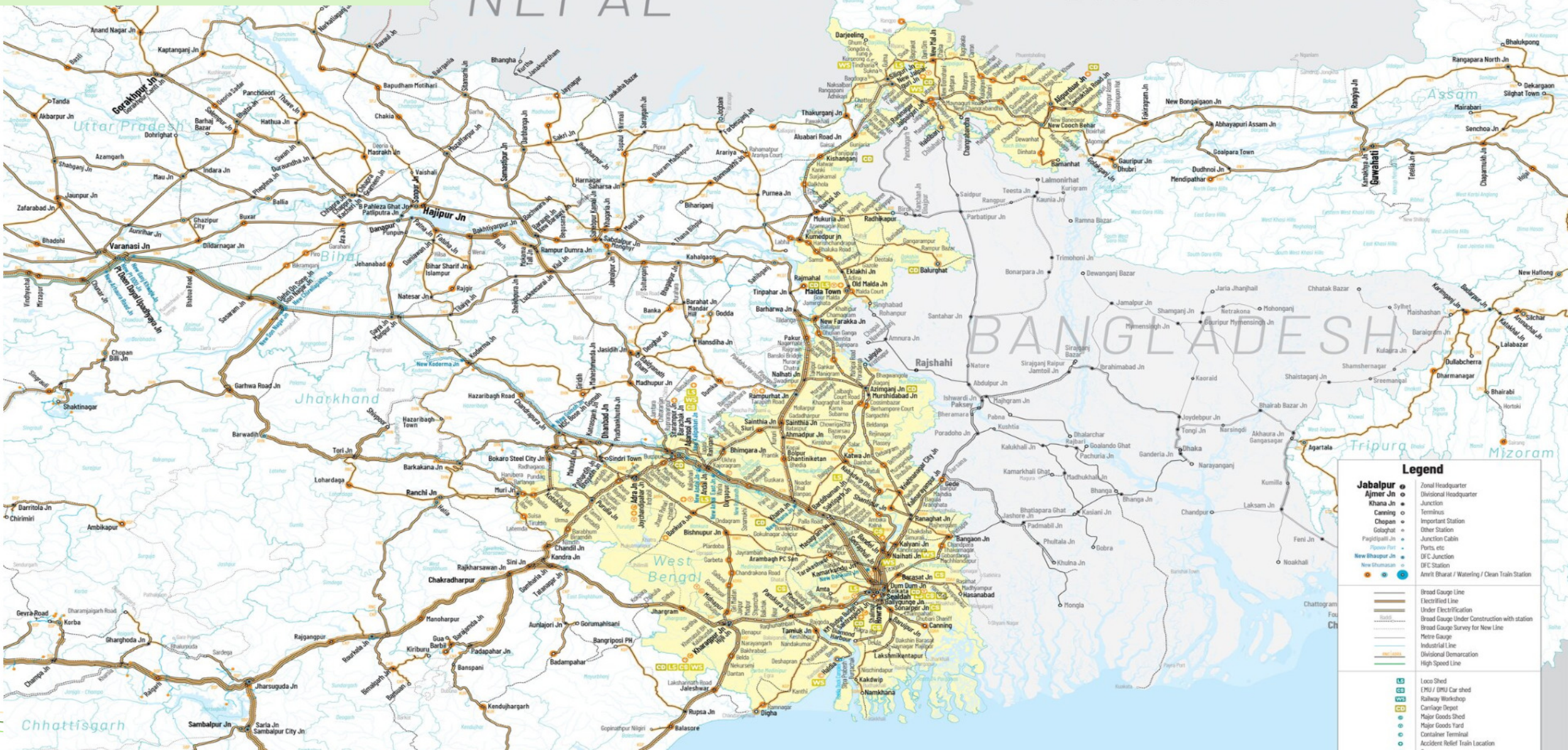
**Rajahmundry (Nidadavolu) – Visakhapatnam (Duvvada) 3rd and 4th line
(198 km; Rs 9,889 Cr)**



— Existing Railway line ●—● Proposed Project line



Rail Network in West Bengal



Legend

| | | | |
|--|---|--|---|
| | Jabalpur | | Zonal Headquarter |
| | Ajmer Jn | | Divisional Headquarter |
| | Khana Jn | | Junction |
| | Caveling | | Terminus |
| | Chopen | | Important Station |
| | Golghat | | Other Station |
| | Papildipali Jn | | Junction Cabin |
| | New Bhubaneswar | | Ports, etc |
| | DIC Station | | Ports, etc |
| | New Bhubaneswar | | DIC Station |
| | Amrit Bharat / Watering / Clean Train Station | | DIC Junction |
| | | | Amrit Bharat / Watering / Clean Train Station |

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| | Broad Gauge Line |
| | Electrified Line |
| | Under Electrification |
| | Broad Gauge Under Construction with station |
| | Broad Gauge Survey for New Line |
| | Metro Gauge |
| | Industrial Line |
| | Divisional Demarcation |
| | High Speed Line |

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| | Loco Shed |
| | EMU / DMU Car shed |
| | Railway Workshop |
| | Carriage Depot |
| | Major Goods Shed |
| | Container Terminal |
| | Accident Relief Train Location |

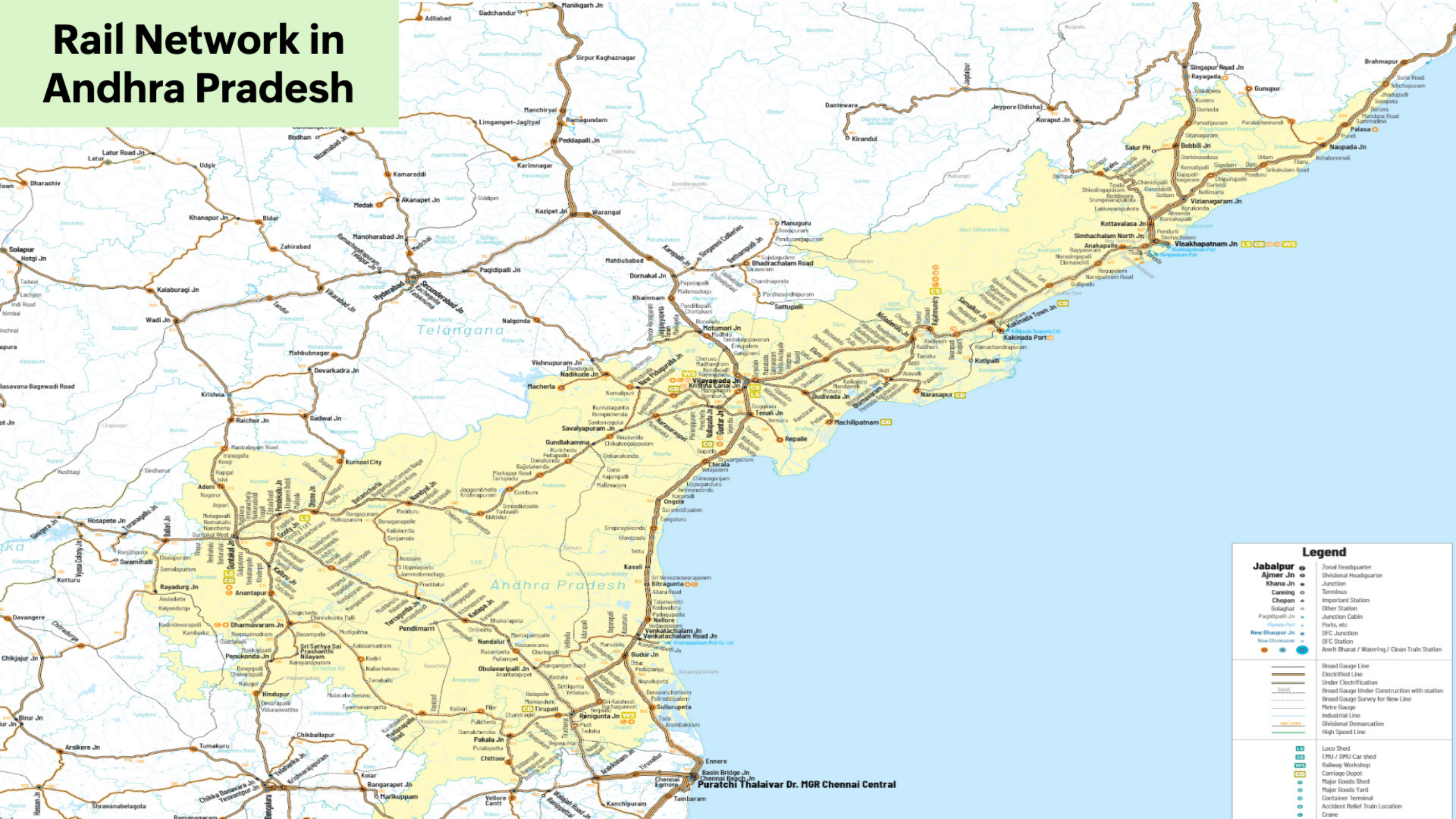
Rail Network in Odisha



Legend

- Jabalpur** ● Zonal Headquarter
- Ajmer Jn** ● Divisional Headquarter
- Khana Jn** ● Junction
- Canning** ○ Terminus

Rail Network in Andhra Pradesh



| Legend | |
|----------------|---|
| Jabalpur | Zonal Headquarter |
| Ajmer Jn | Divisional Headquarter |
| Khana Jn | Junction |
| Canning | Terminal |
| Chopan | Important Station |
| Golabhat | Other Station |
| Paiglipalli Jn | Junction Cabin |
| Piplwa Port | Ports, etc |
| New Bhaupur Jn | DFC Junction |
| New Bhaupur Jn | DFC Station |
| New Bhaupur Jn | Amrit Bharat / Watering / Clean Train Station |
| | Broad Gauge Line |
| | Under Electrification |
| | Broad Gauge Under Construction with station |
| | Broad Gauge Survey for New Line |
| | Metre Gauge |
| | Industrial Line |
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| | Major Goods Shed |
| | Minor Goods Shed |
| | Container Terminal |
| | Accident Relief Train Location |
| | Crane |

Rail Network in Tamil Nadu



Rajahmundry – Visakhapatnam 3rd and 4th line

- Rajahmundry – Visakhapatnam is key section of Howrah – Chennai High Density Network
- Connects major ports along East coast – Kakinada, Machilipatnam, Gangavaram
- **Cabinet approved 3rd and 4th line between Rajahmundry (Nidadavolu) – Visakhapatnam (Duvvada)**
- Route Length: **198 km**
- Estimated Cost: **9,889 Cr**
- Project duration: **5 years**
- Districts: **East Godavari, Konaseema, Kakinada, Anakapalle and Vishakapatnam (Andhra Pradesh)**
- Visakhapatnam is aspirational district
- **A new 4.3 km rail bridge over Godavari river**

Rajahmundry – Visakhapatnam 3rd and 4th line

| Feature | Details |
|--------------|--|
| Bridges | 3 mega bridge 58 major bridges 416 minor bridges |
| RUBs | 73 |
| ROBs | 3 |
| Viaduct | 1 (2.7 km) |
| Route Length | 198 km |
| Track Length | 458 km |

Benefits

- Will enhance logistics efficiency and reduce transportation costs
- Will facilitate faster cargo movement from ports to various industrial hubs
- Will cater to key economic nodes – thermal power plants, cement, steel plants and ports
- Will improve connectivity to key tourist attractions – Annavaram, Antarvedi and Draksharamam
- Will facilitate additional freight traffic of **29 million ton per annum**
- CO₂ saving: **51.5 Cr kg every year** equivalent to planting approx. **2 Cr trees**
- Logistic Cost Saving: **Rs 1,151 Cr every year**
- Employment generation: **135 lakh human-days**

Infra decisions in NDA 3.0 (Railways, Highways, Metro)



53 Railway projects
Rs 2,09,453 Cr



31 Highway projects
Rs 3,38,164 Cr



11 Metro projects
Rs 1,44,275 Cr

Infra decisions in NDA 3.0 (Airports, Ports, Ropeways)



5 new Airports +
Modified UDAN
Rs 37,846 Cr



1 major port +
Shipping reforms
Rs 1,58,925 Cr



2 new ropeways
Rs 6,811 Cr

Infra decisions in Modi 3.0 (Power, smart city, Housing)



Hydro projects +
budgetary Support
Rs 71,193 Cr

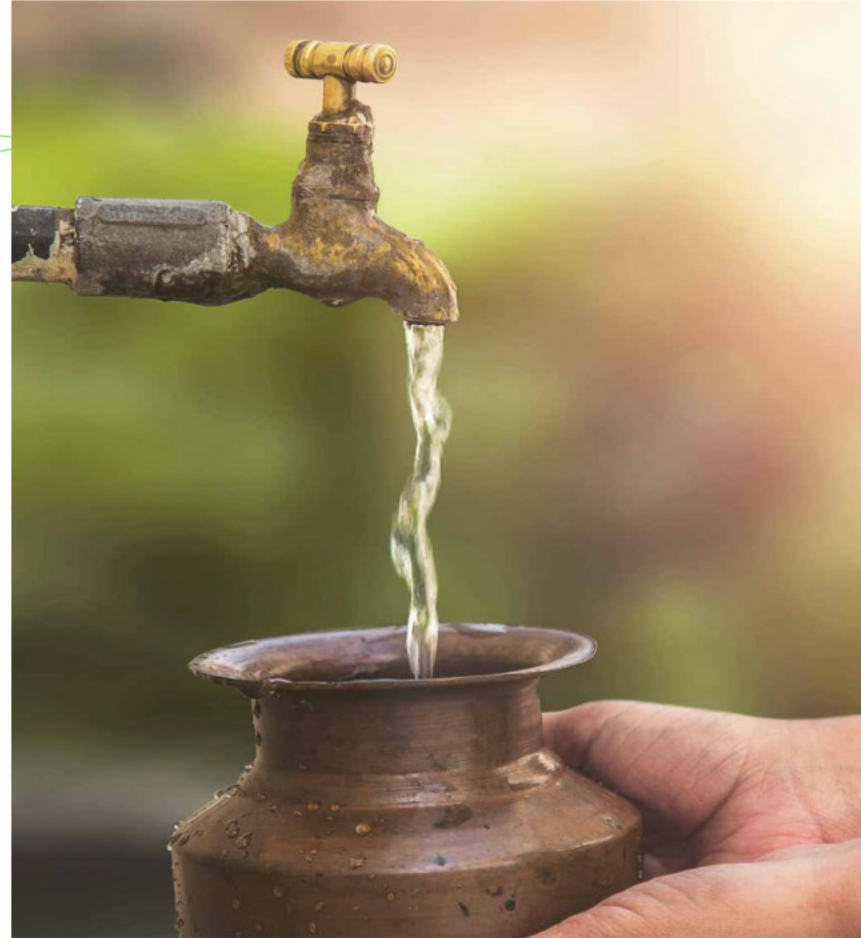


12 Industrial smart
cities + Industrial parks
Rs 62,262 Cr



PM Awaas Yojana
Rs 5,36,137 Cr

Infra decisions in NDA 3.0 (Power, smart city, Housing)



Jal Jeevan Mission
Rs 8.7 Lakh Cr



Total infra projects approved in NDA 3.0
>Rs 24 Lakh Cr



