

# Cabinet briefing

Saturday, 14<sup>th</sup> Feb 2026



# Cabinet decisions

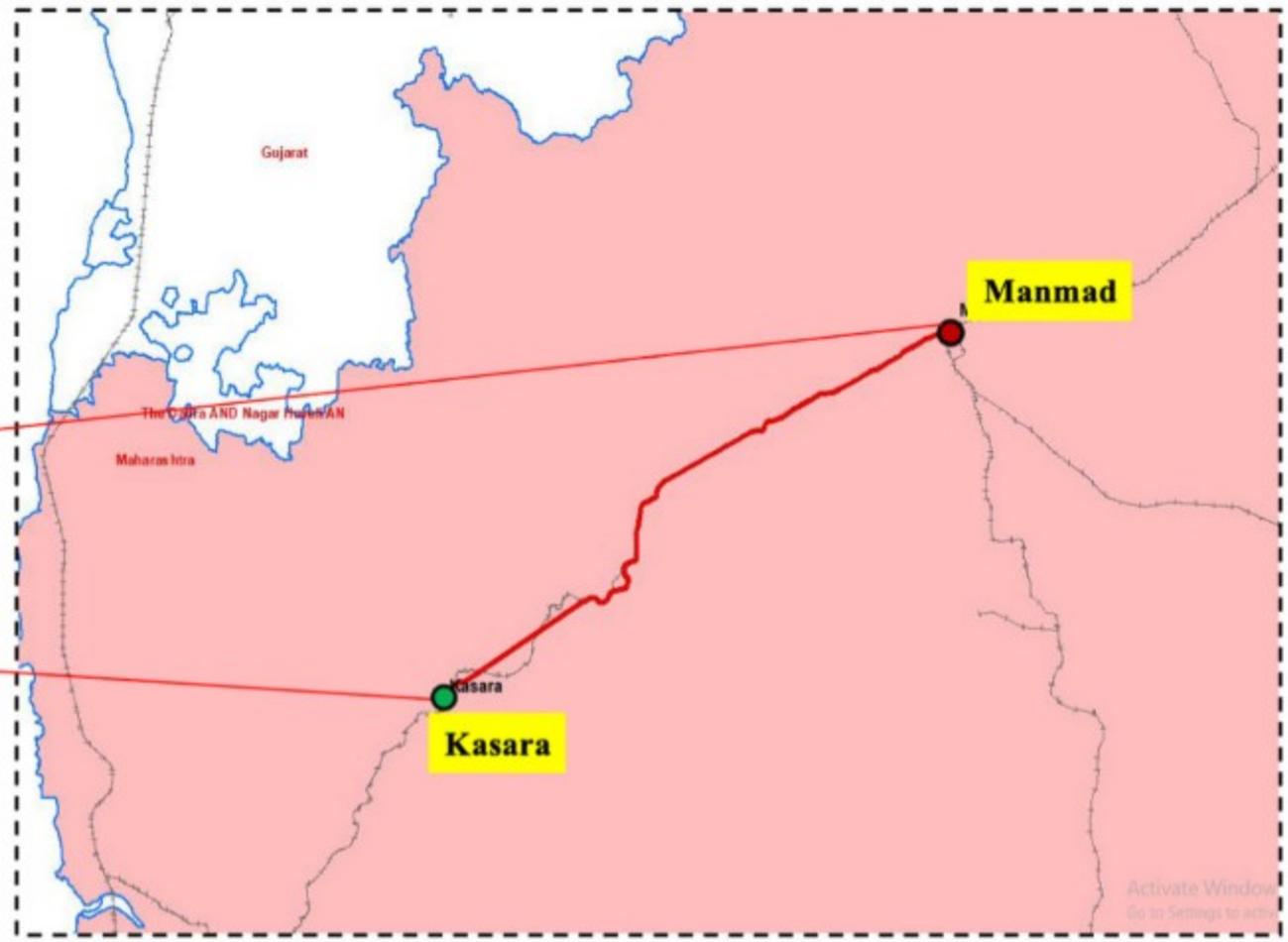
#	Decisions	Amount (Rs)
1	Kasara – Manmad 3 <sup>rd</sup> and 4 <sup>th</sup> line	10,154 Cr
2	Delhi – Ambala 3 <sup>rd</sup> and 4 <sup>th</sup> line	5,983 Cr
3	Ballari – Hosapete 3 <sup>rd</sup> and 4 <sup>th</sup> line	2,372 Cr
4	Underwater road tunnel Gohpur – Numaligarh	18,662 Cr
5	Four laning of Gudebellur – Mahabubnagar Section	3,175 Cr
6	Four laning of Dhamasiya – Bitada & Nasarpore - Malotha section	4,584 Cr
7	Upgradation of Ghoti – Trimbak – Palghar Section	3,320 Cr
8	Noida Metro: Extension of Aqua Line	2,254 Cr
9	Urban Challenge Fund	1,00,000 Cr
10	Startup India Fund of Funds 2.0	10,000 Cr
<b>Total</b>		<b>1,60,504 Cr</b>



**3 railway projects  
approved**



**Kasara – Manmad 3<sup>rd</sup> and 4<sup>th</sup> line (131 km; 10,154 Cr)**



— Existing Railway line    ●—● Proposed Project line



# Kasara – Manmad 3<sup>rd</sup> and 4<sup>th</sup> line

- Part of the initiatives to quadruple Mumbai – Howrah high density route
- Critical route connecting Eastern, Central and Western India
- High demand for passenger and freight trains
- Cabinet approved construction of 3<sup>rd</sup> and 4<sup>th</sup> line between Kasara and Manmad
- Route Length: **131 km**
- Estimated Cost: **10,154 Cr**
- Project duration: **5 years**
- **Districts: Thane and Nashik (Maharashtra)**

# Kasara – Manmad 3<sup>rd</sup> and 4<sup>th</sup> line

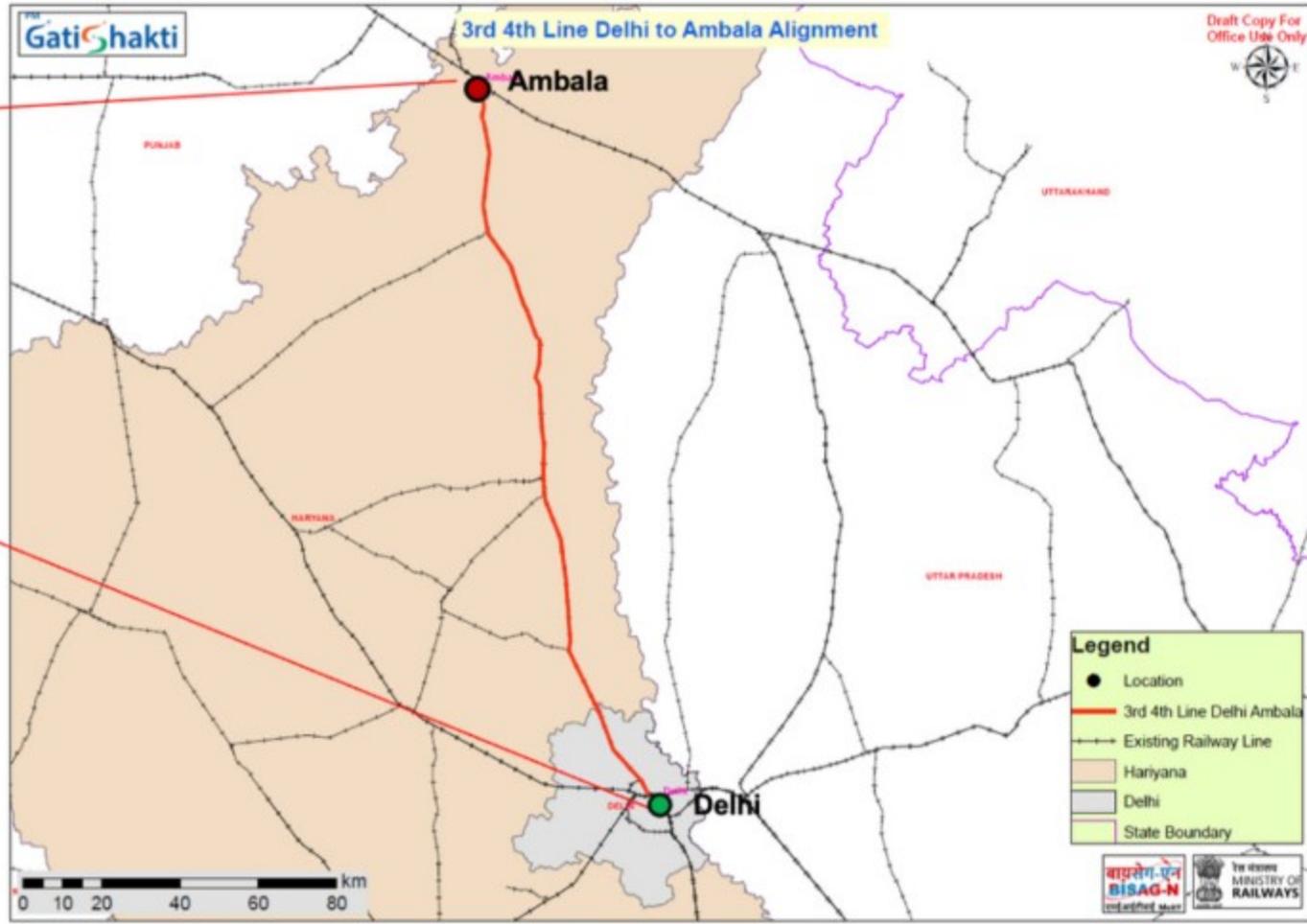
Feature	Details
Bridges	3 important bridges 16 major bridges 218 minor bridges
ROBs	5
RUBs	21
Tunnels	5 (longest tunnel is 24 km)
Route Length	131 km
Track Length	316 km

# Benefits

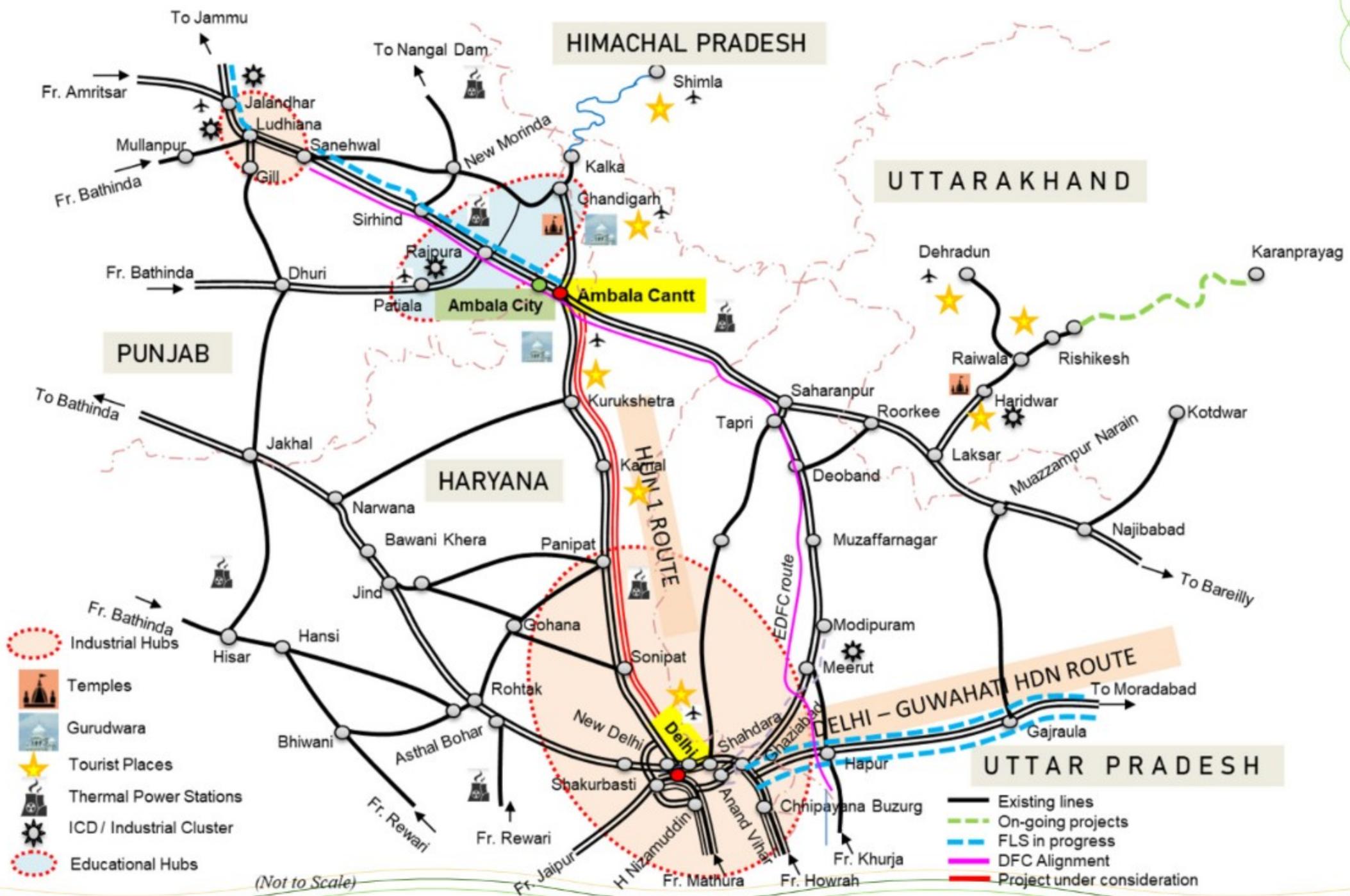
- After completion, no need for banking engines in Kasara - Igatpuri section
- Will support introduction of more passenger trains
- Enhanced connectivity for major tourist destinations - Trimbakeshwar Jyotirlinga in Nashik, Bhavli Dam, Shri Ghatandevi Mata mandir etc
- Will cater to key economic nodes - ports, power plants, Multi-modal logistic hubs, ICDs, etc.
- Will facilitate additional freight traffic of **46.1 million ton per annum**
- CO<sub>2</sub> saving: **54 Cr kg every year** equivalent to planting approx. **2.2 Cr trees**
- Logistic Cost Saving: **1,207 Cr every year**
- Employment generation: **89 lakh human-days**



**Delhi – Ambala 3<sup>rd</sup> and 4<sup>th</sup> line (194 km; 5,983 Cr)**



— Existing Railway line      ●—● Proposed Project line



# Delhi – Ambala 3<sup>rd</sup> and 4<sup>th</sup> line

- Part of the initiatives to quadruple Delhi – Jammu Highly Utilized Network (HUN) route
- Major arterial route connecting National Capital Region with northern states
- High demand for passenger and freight trains
- **Cabinet approved** construction of 3<sup>rd</sup> and 4<sup>th</sup> line between Delhi - Ambala
- Route Length: **194 Km**
- Estimated Cost: **5,983 Cr**
- Project duration: **4 years**
- **Districts:** Sonapat, Panipat, Karnal, Kurukshetra, Ambala (Haryana) and Central Delhi, Northwest Delhi, and North Delhi (Delhi)

# Delhi - Ambala 3<sup>rd</sup> and 4<sup>th</sup> line

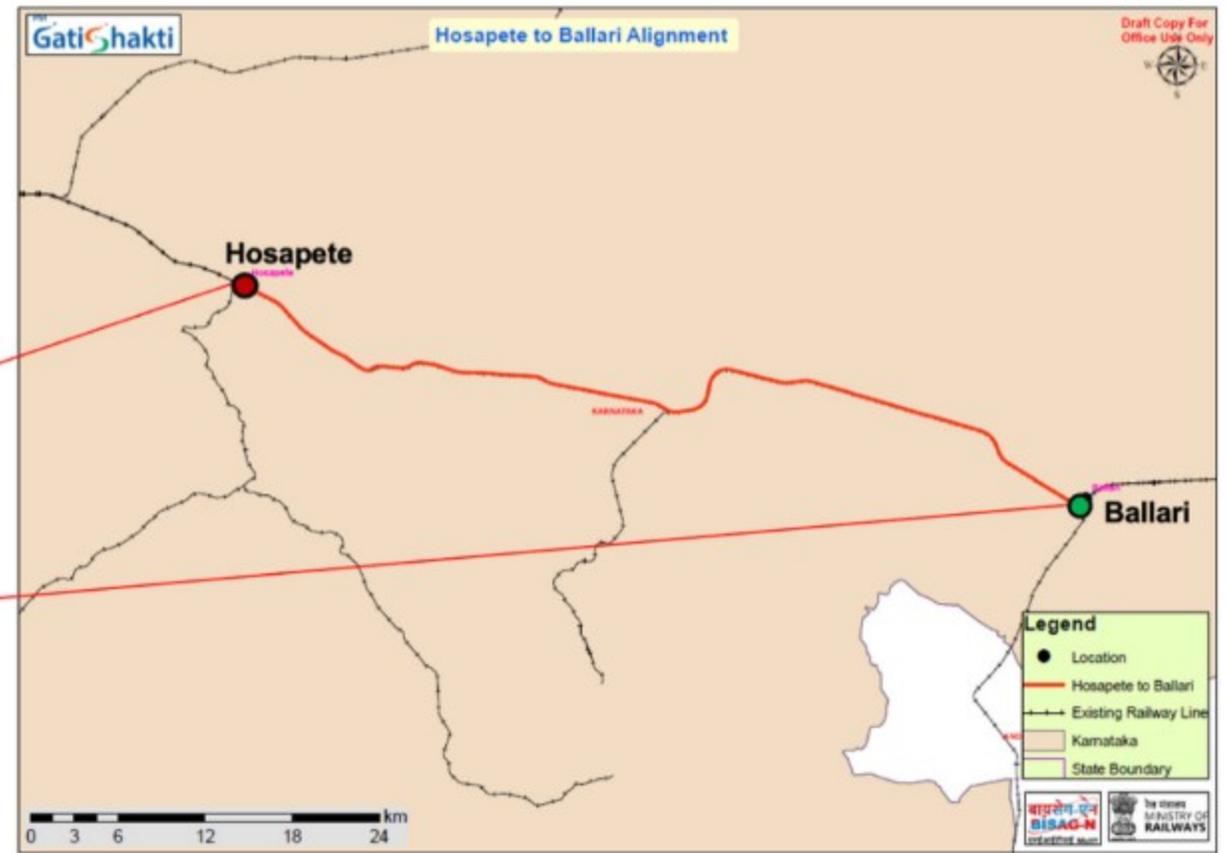
Feature	Details
Bridges	1 important bridge 28 major bridges 178 minor bridges
ROBs	2
RUBs	79
Route Length	194 km
Track Length	415 km

# Benefits

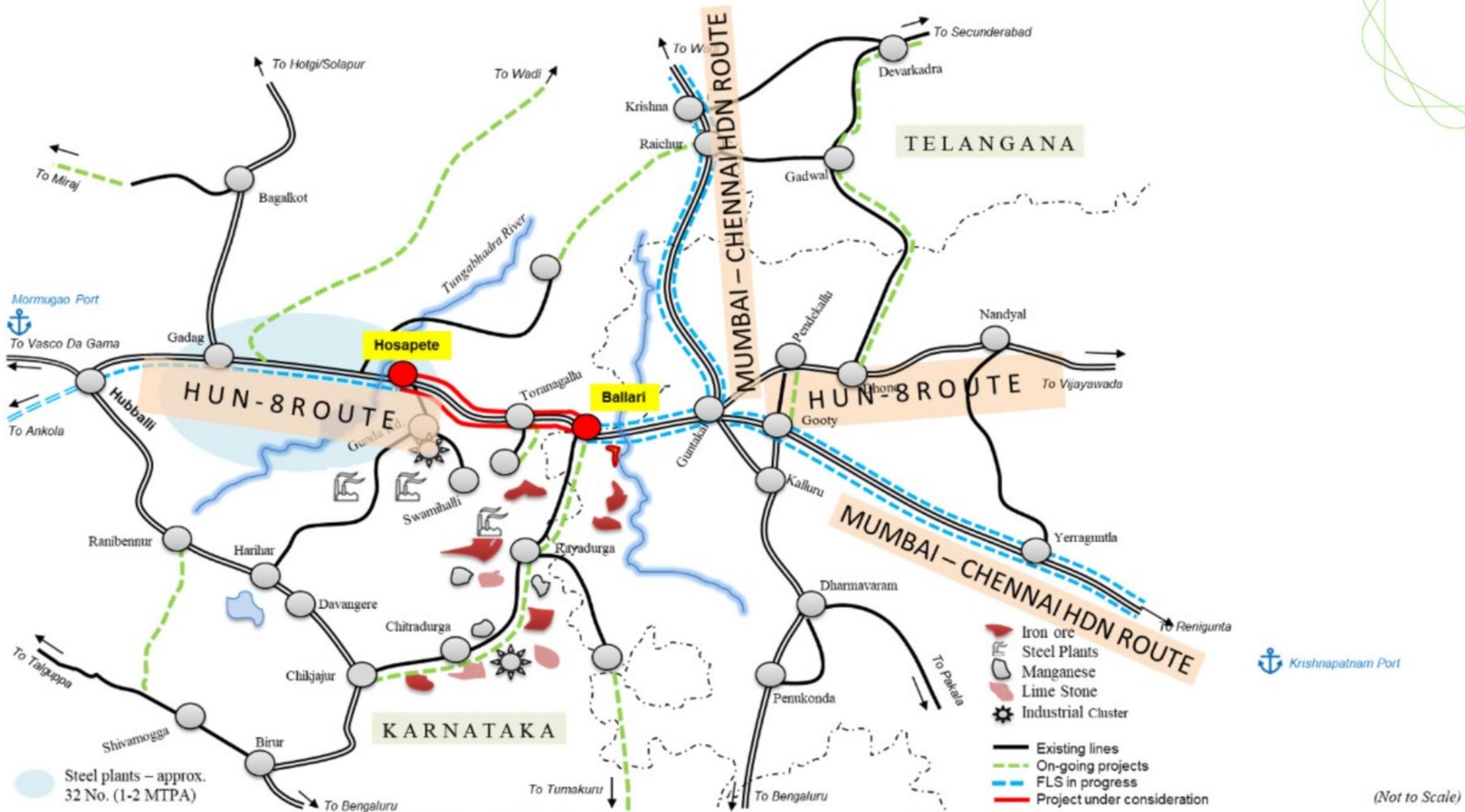
- Will support introduction of more passenger and freight trains
- Will support key economic nodes such as thermal power plants (Ropar, Panipat, Rajpura), agriculture warehouses and other industries
- Will improve connectivity to Shri Mata Vaishno Devi Katra and other tourist destinations such as Srinagar, Jammu, Shimla, etc.
- Will benefit sub-urban as well as long distance connectivity towards Northern states
- Will facilitate additional freight traffic of **24.6 million ton per annum**
- CO<sub>2</sub> saving: **43 Cr kg every year** equivalent to planting approx. **1.7 Cr trees**
- Logistic Cost Saving: **952 Cr every year**
- Employment generation: **132 lakh human-days**



**3. Ballari – Hosapete 3<sup>rd</sup> and 4<sup>th</sup> line (65 km; 2,372 Cr)**



— Existing Railway line      ●—● Proposed Project line



# Ballari – Hosapete 3<sup>rd</sup> and 4<sup>th</sup> line

- Part of the initiatives to quadruple Vasco Da Gama (Goa) – Vijayawada Highly Utilized Network (HUN) route
- Critical route connecting Western and Southern India
- High demand for passenger and freight trains
- Cabinet approved construction of 3<sup>rd</sup> and 4<sup>th</sup> line between Ballari and Hosapete
- Route Length: **65 Km**
- Estimated Cost: **2,372 Cr**
- Project duration: **4 years**
- Districts: Vijayanagara and Ballari (Karnataka)

# Ballari – Hosapete 3<sup>rd</sup> and 4<sup>th</sup> line

Feature	Details
Bridges	34 major bridges 220 minor bridges
ROBs	11
RUBs	14
Route Length	65 Km
Track Length	149 Km

# Benefits

- Will support introduction of more passenger and freight trains
- Will improve the connectivity of major tourist destinations - Hampi (**a UNESCO World Heritage site**), Ballari Fort, Daroji Sloth Bear Sanctuary, Tungabhadra Dam, Kenchanagudda, Vijaya Vittala Temple, etc.
- Will improve connectivity to iron ore rich Ballari region
- Will facilitate additional freight traffic of **25 million ton per annum**
- CO<sub>2</sub> saving: **14 Cr kg every year** equivalent to planting approx. **58 lakh trees**
- Logistics cost saving: **323 Cr every year**
- Employment generation: **44 lakh human-days**



**Twin tube underwater road rail tunnel between Gohpur – Numaligarh (Assam) (34 km; 18,662 Cr)**

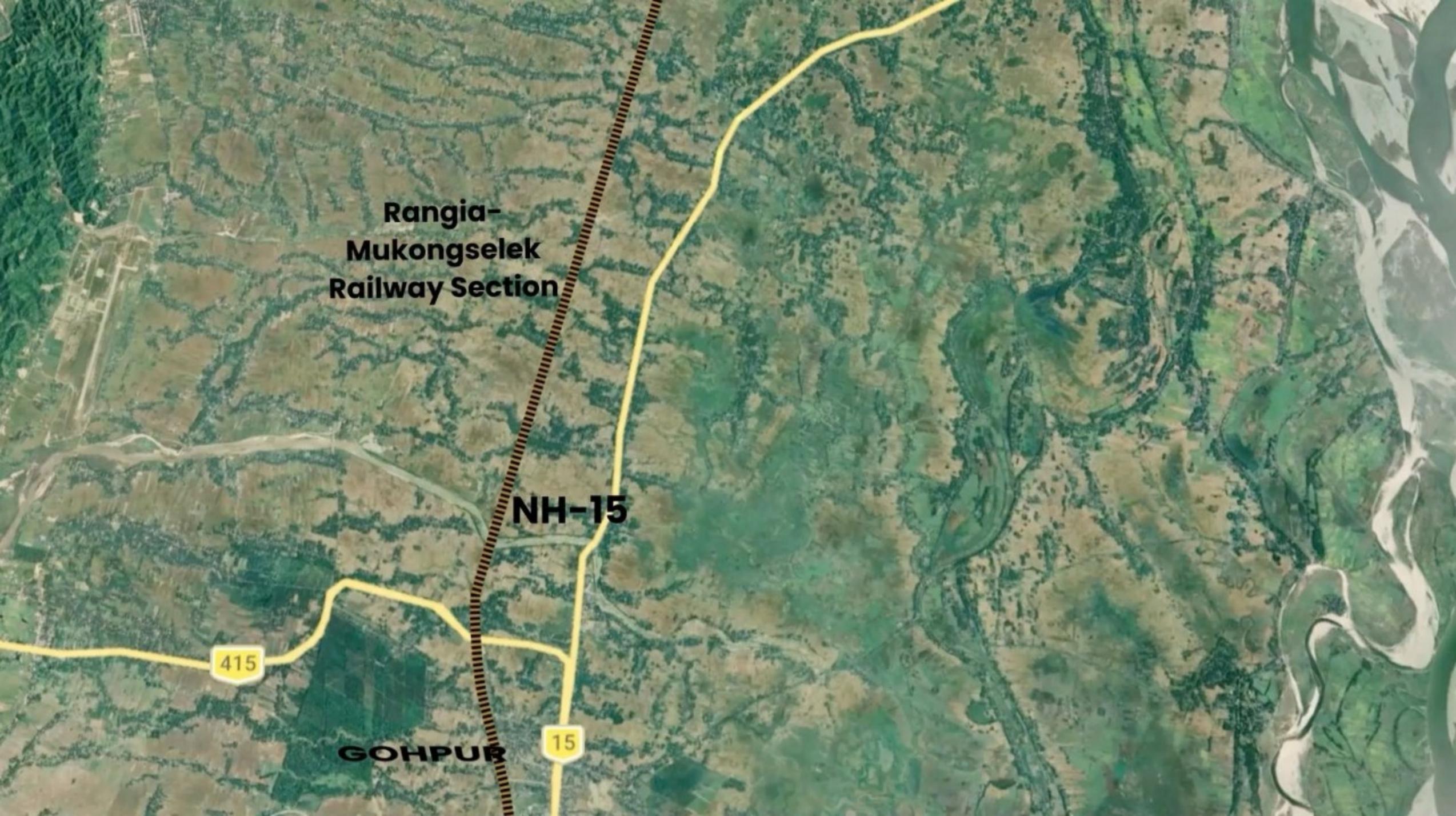
**Rangia-  
Mukongselek  
Railway Section**

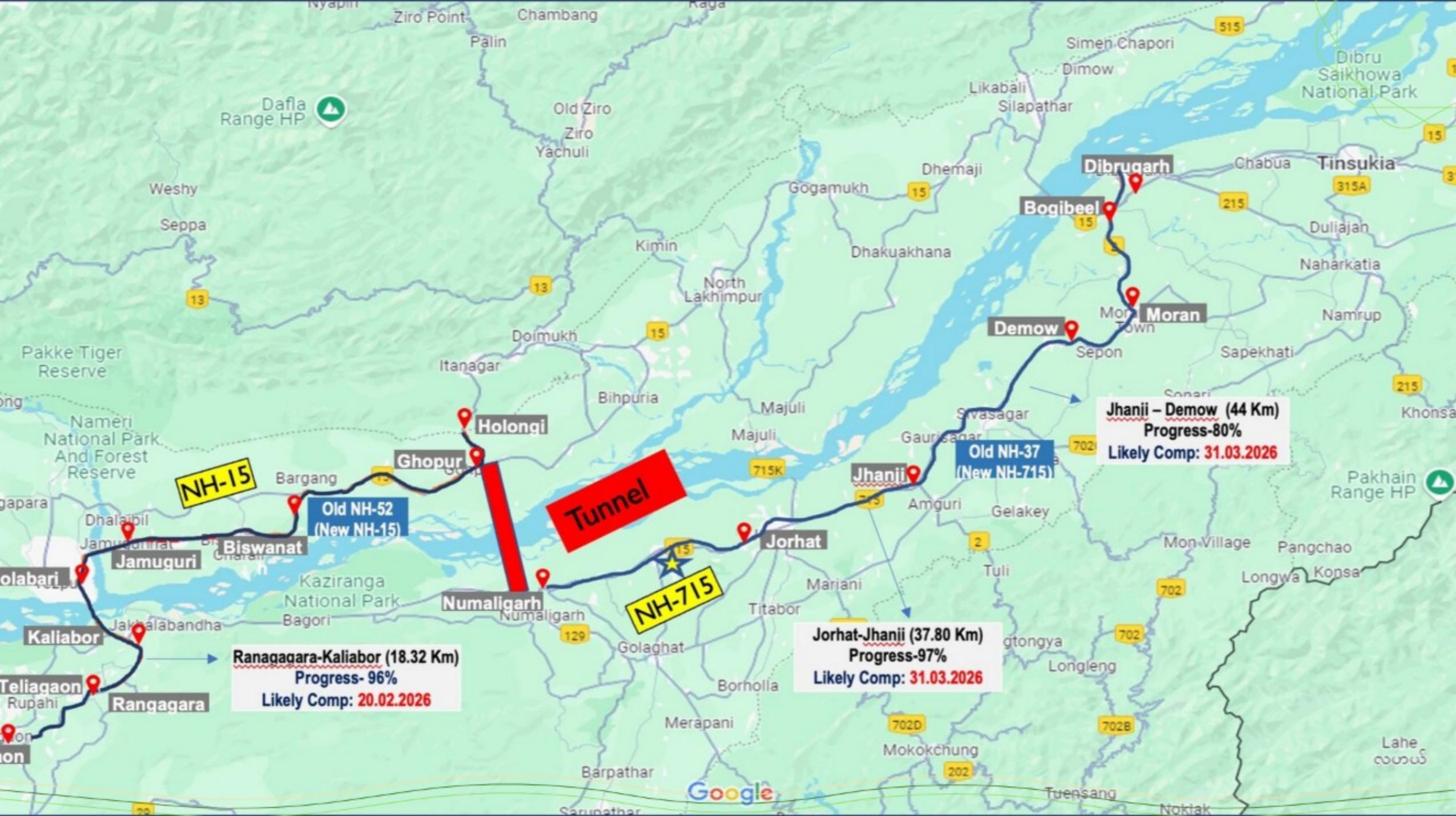
**NH-15**

415

**GOHPUR**

15





**Ranagara-Kaliabor (18.32 Km)**  
Progress- 96%  
Likely Comp: 20.02.2026

**Jorhat-Jhanji (37.80 Km)**  
Progress-97%  
Likely Comp: 31.03.2026

**Jhanji - Demow (44 Km)**  
Progress-80%  
Likely Comp: 31.03.2026

**Tunnel**

**NH-15**

**NH-715**

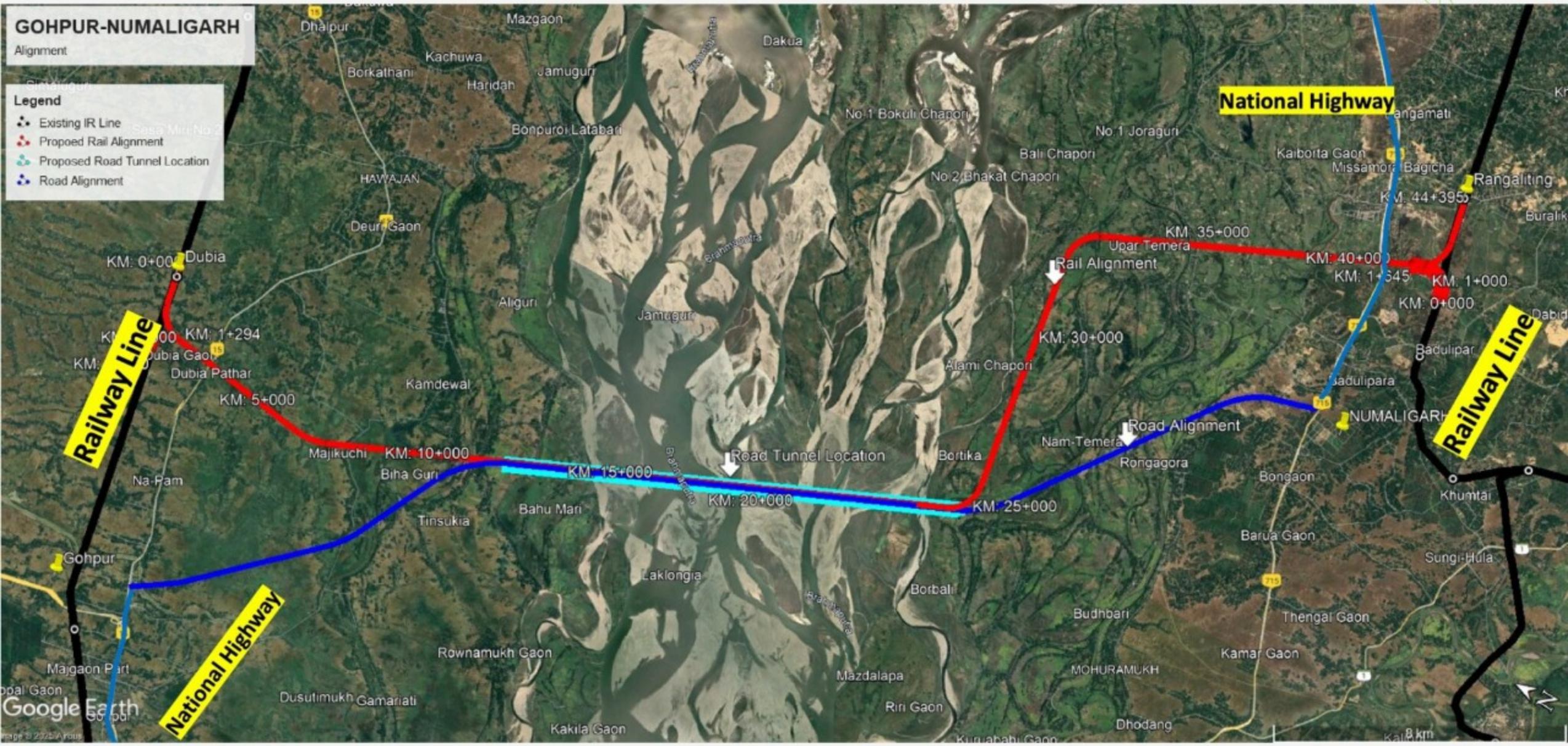
**Old NH-52 (New NH-15)**

**Old NH-37 (New NH-715)**

# GOHPUR-NUMALIGARH

Alignment

- Legend**
- Existing IR Line
  - Proposed Rail Alignment
  - Proposed Road Tunnel Location
  - Road Alignment



Rail Cut & Cover from Gohpur Side

Road Cut & Cover from Gohpur Side





Rail and Road Merging from Gohpur Side to TBM Tunnel

Rail

Road



Cut Section beneath

Flat Tunnel Approach

# Cut Section beneath the river

Emergency  
Passage

Road cum Rail Tunnel Section

Road Tunnel Section



Road cum Rail Tunnel Section

Flat Tunnel Approach



Emergency Passage in tunnel  
Every 500 Mtr.

Flat Tunnel Approach



Towards Numaligarh Road



# Twin tube tunnel between Gohpur - Numaligarh

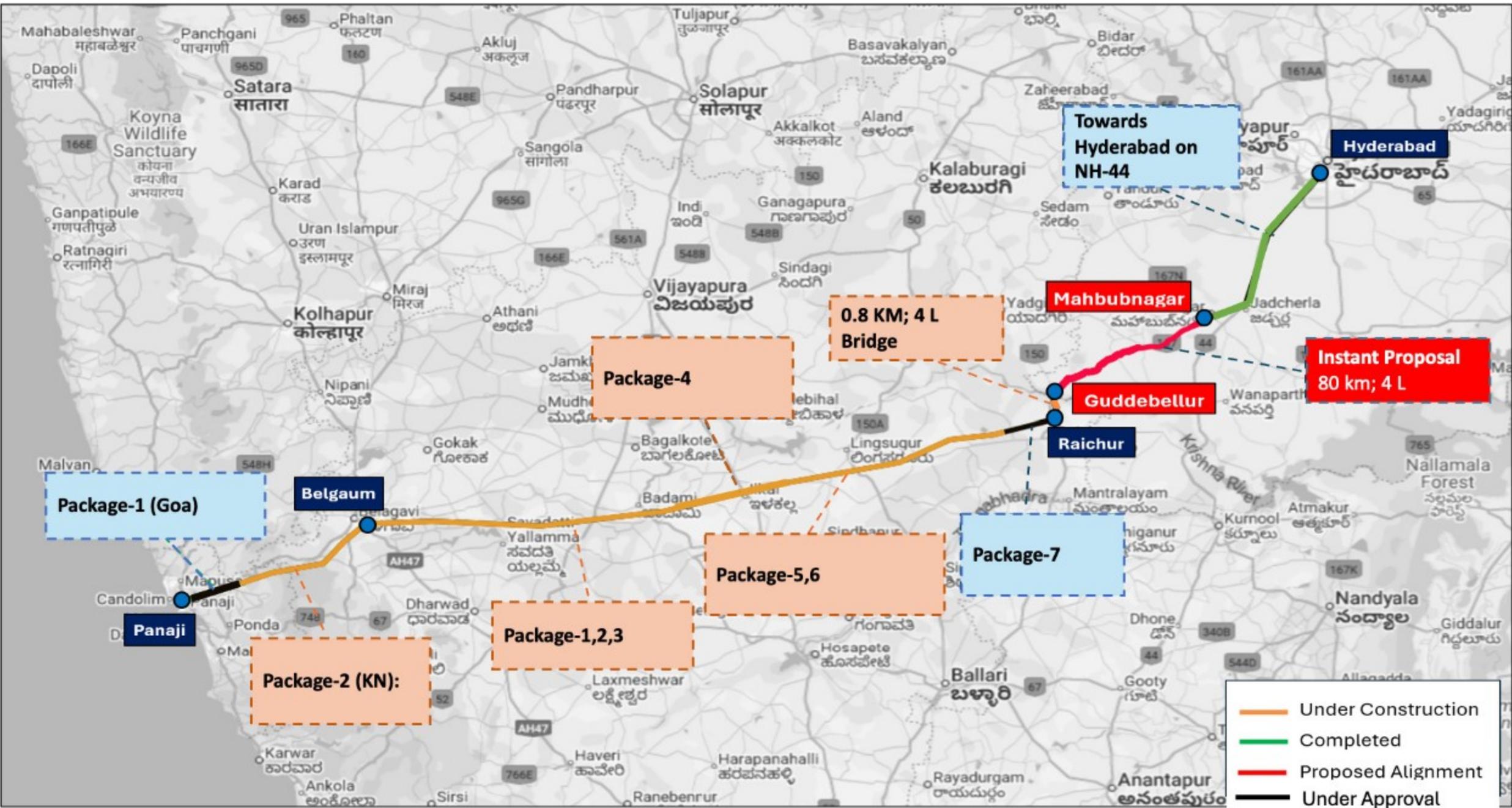
- Important milestone for developing North East as gateway for 'Act East Policy'
- Cabinet approved **construction of tunnel under River Brahmaputra:**
  - **It will connect Gohpur and Numaligarh (Assam)**
  - **4-lane underwater tunnel**
  - **Tunnel length: 15.8 km**
  - **Twin tubes: two parallel tunnels**
  - **Road + rail**
  - **India's First underwater twin tube Road cum Rail tunnel**
- Districts: **Golaghat and Biswanath (Assam)**
- Project Length: **34 km**
- Cost: **Rs 18,662 Cr**
- Construction period: **5 years**

# Benefits

- Will reduce distance between Gohpur and Numaligarh from **240 km to 34 km**
- Journey time will reduce from **6 hours** to **20 minutes**
- Increase in average speed by 100%
- Will provide high-speed connectivity to Assam and Arunachal Pradesh
- Will augment tourism in North-East
- Will enhance border connectivity and cross-border trade
- Employment generation: **80 lakh human-days**



**Four laning of Gudebellur – Mahabubnagar Section of  
NH-167 (80 km; 3,175 Cr)**



Corridor map of Hyderabad - Panaji Economic Corridor

# Four lane Gudebellur – Mahabubnagar section

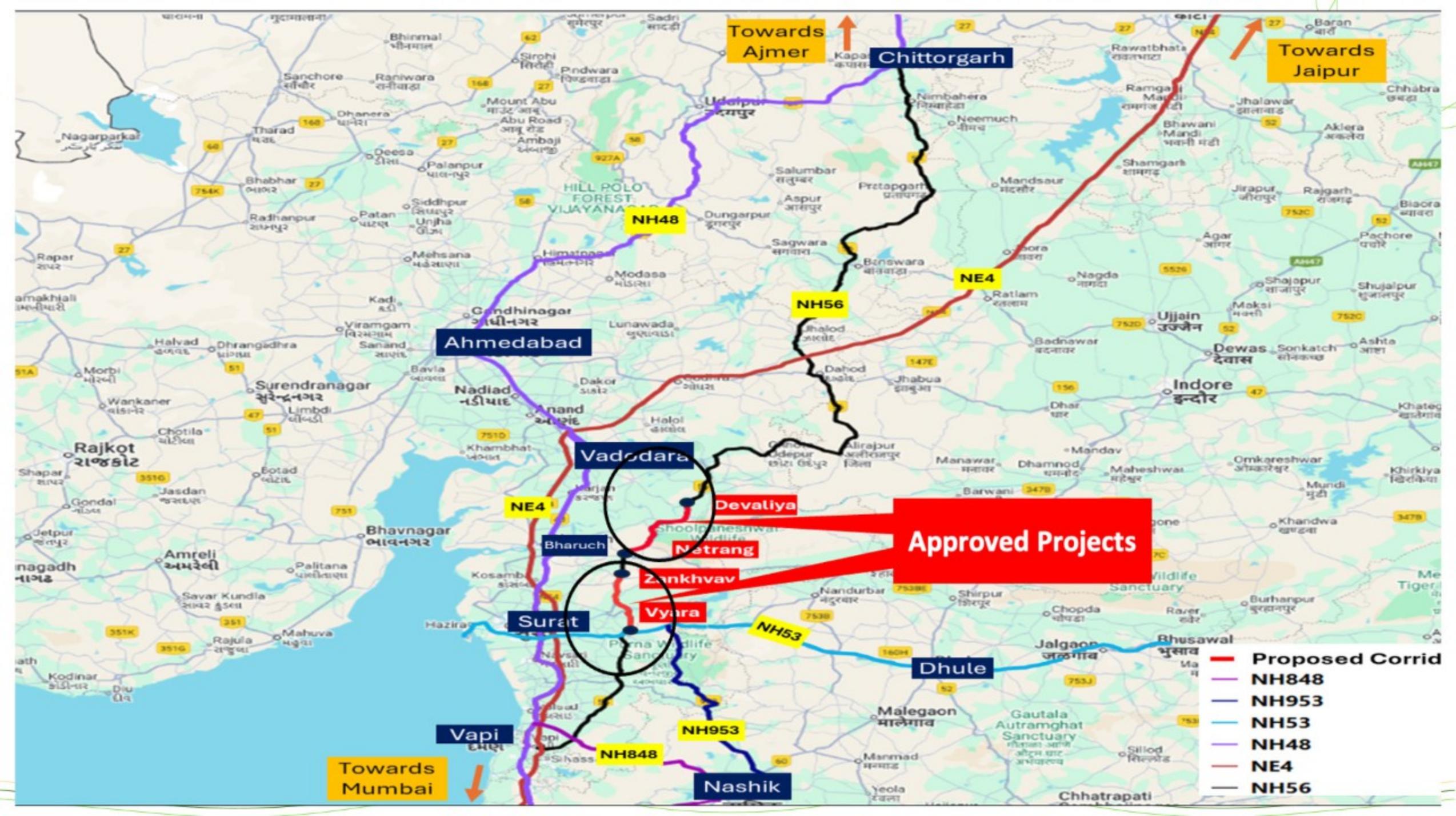
- Part of the Hyderabad – Panaji Corridor
- Cabinet approved **construction of Four-lane Gudebellur – Mahabubnagar section of National Highway (NH) – 167**
- Improved connectivity for: **Mahabubnagar, Narayanpet, Raichur, Devarkadra, Makthal, and Hyderabad**
- Raichur is aspirational district
- Project length: **80 km**
- Cost: **Rs 3,175 Cr**
- Project duration: **2 years**

# Benefits

- Will integrate key economic nodes such as Hyderabad – Bengaluru NICDC, Pharma & Medical clusters and SEZs in Hyderabad
- Will benefit passenger travel and long-distance freight movement
- Will boost regional growth by linking farms, industries and trade routes
- Will reduce travel time between Gudebellur–Mahabubnagar by **50%** from **3 hours to 1.5 hours**
- Corridor will enhance **multi–modal connectivity** linking **4 railway stations, 1 airport, 2 Multi-Modal logistics parks**
- Employment generation: **14.4 lakh human–days**



**Four laning of Dhamasiya – Bitada and Nasarpore –  
Malotha section of NH-56 (108 km; 4,584 Cr)**



Towards Ajmer

Towards Jaipur

Towards Mumbai

Approved Projects

- Proposed Corridor
- NH848
- NH953
- NH53
- NH48
- NE4
- NH56

# Four laning of Bodeli – Vapi corridor of NH-56

- Dahod - Bodeli - Vapi corridor notified as NH-56
- Connects Statue of Unity in Kevadiya and aspirational district Narmada
- Cabinet approved **construction of four-laning of Dhamasiya - Bitada / Movi and Nasarpore - Malotha section of NH-56**
- Districts: **Narmada, Tapi and Surat**
- Project Length: **108 km**
- Cost: **Rs 4,584 Cr**
- Construction period: **2.5 years**

# Benefits

- Will promote inclusive development in tribal districts (Narmada, Tapi, Valsad, Chhota Udaipur)
- Will boost connectivity to Statue of Unity
- Will boost regional growth by linking farms, industries and trade routes
- Travel time will be reduced by **40%** from **2.5 hours to 1.5 hours**



## **6. Upgradation of Ghoti – Trimbak - Palghar Section of NH-160A (154 km; 3,320 Cr)**

**Delhi-Mumbai Expressway**

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**To Songad, Bardoli**

**To Valsad, Surat**

**Palghar**

**Trimbak**

**Nashik**

**Sinnar**

**Ghoti**

**Nagpur-Mumbai Samruddhi Mahamarg**

NH 48

NH 160A

Package - II

NH 160A

Package - I

SH-23

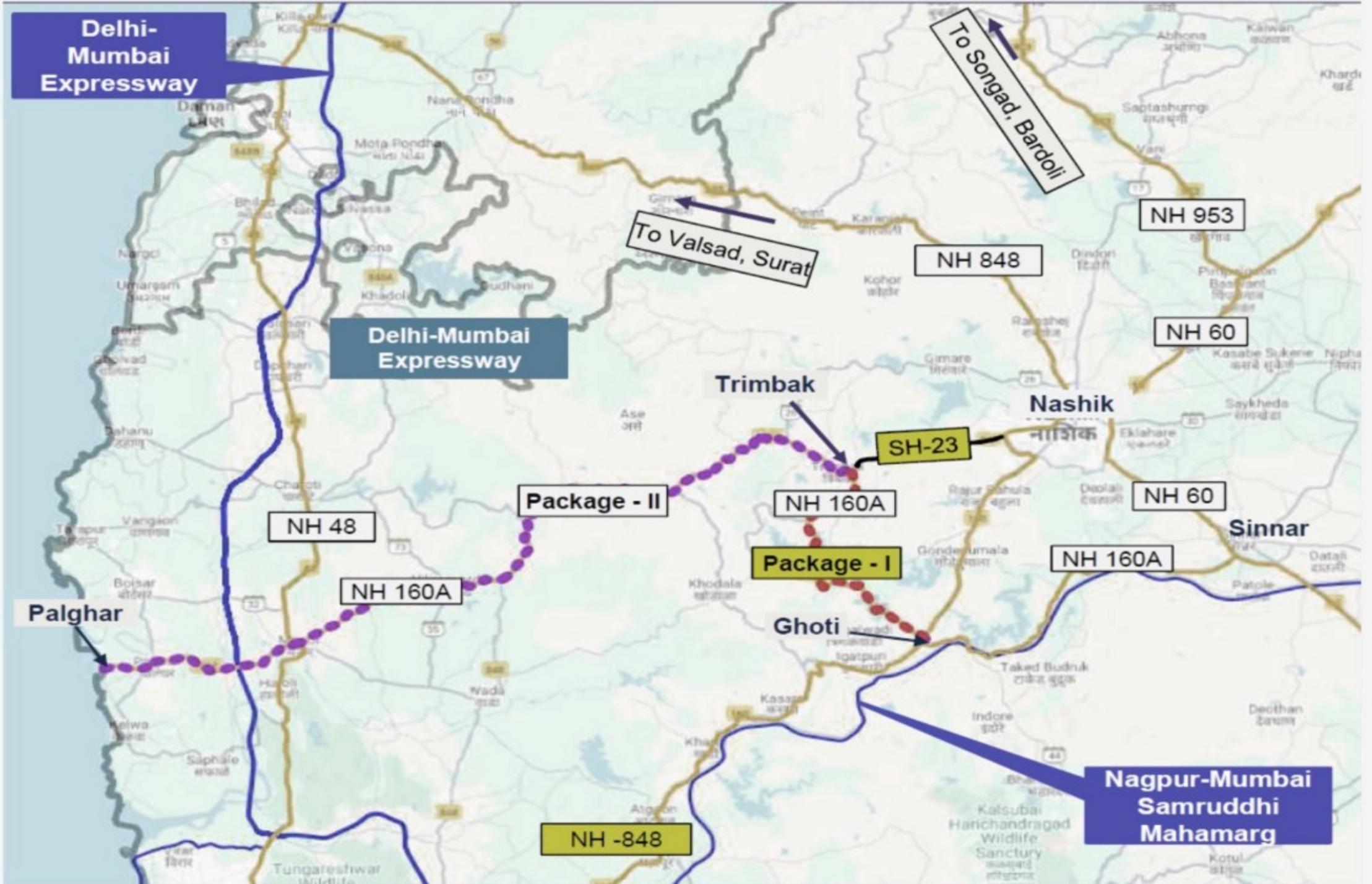
NH 60

NH 160A

NH 848

NH 953

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# Four laning of Ghoti – Trimbak – Palghar section of NH 160A

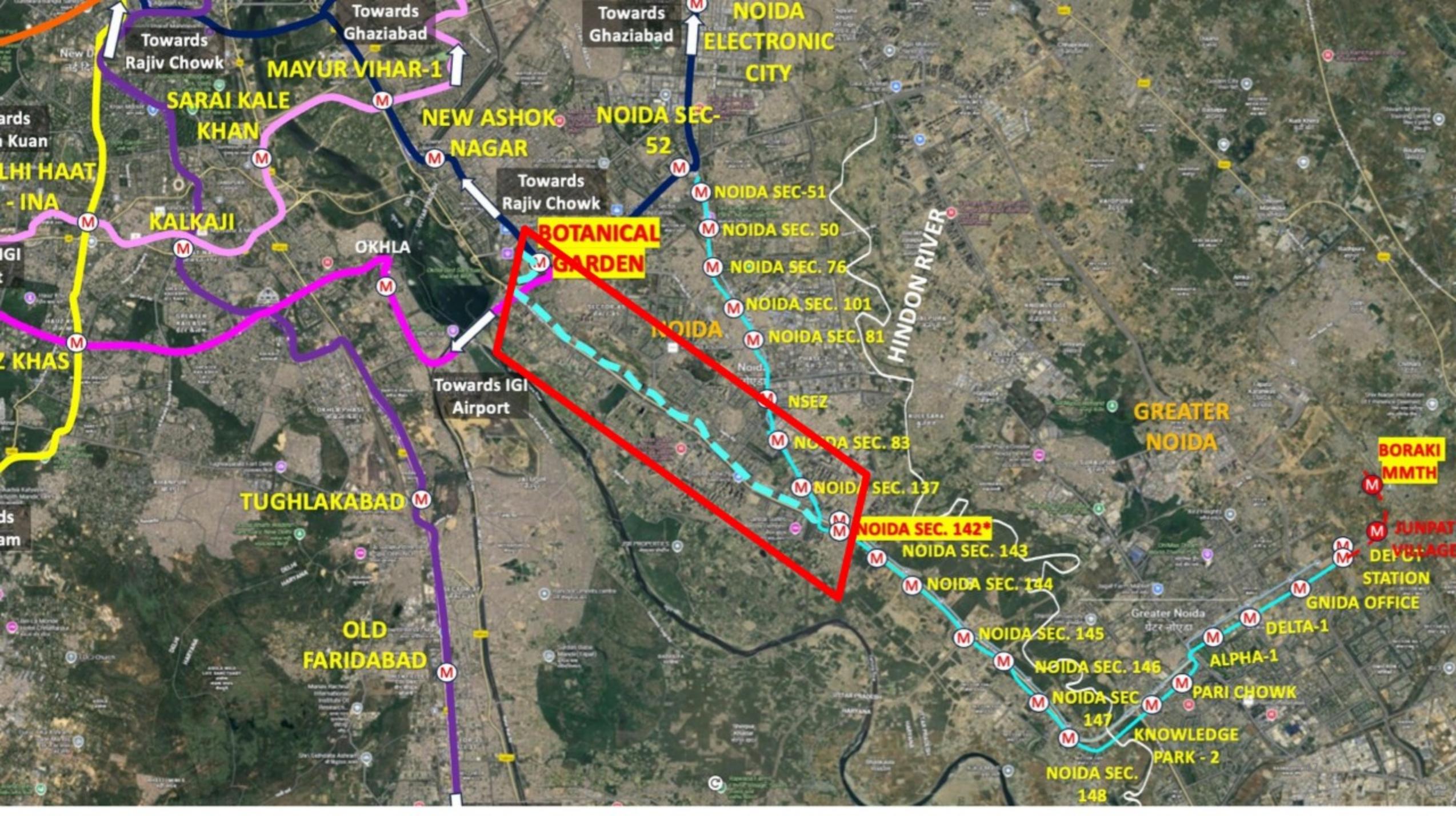
- NH-160A (Palghar - Ghoti - Trimbak - Sinnar) is key link between Delhi - Mumbai Expressway, Samruddhi Mahamarg and other national highways
- Cabinet approved **upgradation of Ghoti – Trimbak (Mokhada) – Jawhar – Manor – Palghar section of NH-160A to 2 lane/4 lane**
- Project Length: **154 km**
- Cost: **Rs 3,320 Cr**

# Benefits

- Will promote inclusive development of region
- Will boost connectivity
- Will boost regional growth by linking farms, industries and trade routes



**Extension of Noida metro Aqua Line (2,254 Cr)**



**NOIDA ELECTRONIC CITY**

**MAYUR VIHAR-1**

**SARAI KALE KHAN**

**NEW ASHOK NAGAR**

**NOIDA SEC-52**

**KALKAJI**

**OKHLA**

**BOTANICAL GARDEN**

**NOIDA SEC-51**

**NOIDA SEC. 50**

**NOIDA SEC. 76**

**NOIDA SEC. 101**

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**NOIDA SEC. 83**

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**NOIDA SEC. 147**

**NOIDA SEC. 148**

**GREATER NOIDA**

**ALPHA-1**

**KNOWLEDGE PARK - 2**

**PARI CHOWK**

**DELTA-1**

**BORAKI MMTH**

**JUNPAT DEVI STATION**

**GNIDA OFFICE**

Towards Rajiv Chowk

Towards Ghaziabad

Towards Ghaziabad

Towards Rajiv Chowk

Towards IGI Airport

**TUGHLAKABAD**

**OLD FARIDABAD**

HINDON RIVER

# Expansion of Noida Metro

- Noida is one of the fastest growing **manufacturing and service economy hub**
- Cabinet approved Extension of Aqua Line **from Botanical Garden to Noida Sector 142**
- Botanical Garden will be interchange station between Noida Metro Aqua Line and Delhi metro Magenta and Blue Line
- Project will be implemented by Noida Metro Rail Corporation Limited
- Length: **11.6 km**
- **8 new elevated stations** will be constructed
- Cost : **2,254 Cr**
- Project duration: **4 years**
- Metro Network in Noida and Greater Noida will cross **61 km**

# Benefits

- Faster connectivity between Delhi and Noida
- Seamless integration of Delhi metro and Noida metro networks
- Faster connectivity for Noida residents to Airport and railway stations in Delhi
- Will provide connectivity to the upcoming Multi-Modal Transportation Hub at Boraki



**Urban Challenge Fund (1 lakh Cr)**

# Urban Challenge Fund (UCF)

- Budget 2025-26 announced setting up Urban Challenge Fund
- **Cabinet approved Urban Challenge Fund**
- **Central Assistance of Rs 1 lakh Cr translating to projects of more than Rs 4 lakh Cr**
- Major reform: shifting to market finance and inclusion of private sector
- Selection of projects on challenge mode, funding will be linked to reforms
- Cities covered:
  - All cities with 10 Lakh + population; all capitals
  - Major industrial cities with 1 Lakh + population
  - Special focus on Tier-II, Tier-III cities, North East and hilly states (credit repayment guarantee scheme)
- Paperless monitoring of projects, milestone based fund release, third party verification and independent checks

# Urban Challenge Fund (UCF)

- **Transformative projects under three verticals:**
  - Creative redevelopment of cities
  - Cities as growth hubs
  - Water and sanitation
- **Funding:**
  - Central Assistance: **25% of project cost**
  - Market Finance: **50% of project cost**
  - State/UT/Urban Local Bodies/external source: **25%**
- **Credit Repayment Guarantee Scheme of Rs 5,000 Cr** for Tier II/III cities, North East and Hilly states
- States/ UTs/ cities may access market finance through Municipal Bonds/ Loans/ Private sector partnerships

# Three verticals of Urban Challenge Fund

- **Vertical 1: Creative Redevelopment of Cities**
  - Legacy infrastructure retrofitting and improvement, Pedestrianization and mobility
  - Rejuvenation/renewal of Central Business Districts/ heritage cores
  - Regeneration of brownfield areas
  - Removing negative externalities
- **Vertical 2: Cities as Growth Hubs**
  - Greenfield/ semi-greenfield, Trunk Infrastructure Development
  - Counter magnets along transit corridors, urban mobility
  - Developments on transit/economic corridors
- **Vertical 3: Water & Sanitation**
  - Upgradation of water sewerage, storm water systems, Water grids
  - Focus on Swachhata and solid waste management – legacy waste remediation, integrated waste processing



**Startup India Fund of Funds 2.0 (10,000 Cr)**

# Startup India Fund of Funds 1.0

- In 2016, India had less than 500 start-ups
- Today, more than 2 lakh startups
- Over 49 thousand startups registered in 2025, highest in a single year
- Fund of Funds for Startups (FFS) 1.0 was launched in 2016 to develop strong domestic venture capital ecosystem
  - Rs 10 thousand Cr committed to 145 Alternative Investment Funds (AIFs)
  - These AIFs invested over Rs 25,500 Cr in more than 1,370 startups
- Startup India Fund of Funds (FoF) 2.0 designed to continue momentum of investments with an expanded scope over FFS 1.0

# Startup India Fund of Funds 2.0

- **Key focus:**
  - Deep tech startups
  - Early growth stage startups through smaller funds
  - Tech-driven innovative manufacturing startups
  - Sector/stage agnostic startups
- **Operational flexibilities** including higher contribution by the Government in AIFs funding deep tech and high-tech manufacturing
- Encouraging long term investing culture and patient capital
- **Extensive consultations with stakeholders**
- Complement the recently expanded definition and framework of startups including recognition of a deep tech startup

# Cabinet decisions since June 2024 (Railways, Highways, Metro)



49 Railway projects  
**Rs 1,89,601 Cr**



24 Highway projects  
**Rs 2,48,053 Cr**



9 Metro projects  
**Rs 1,15,406 Cr**

# Cabinet decisions since June 2024 (Airports, Ports, Ropeways)



4 new Airports  
**Rs 7,339 Cr**



1 major port +  
Shipping reforms  
**Rs 1,45,945 Cr**



2 new ropeways  
**Rs 6,811 Cr**

# Cabinet decisions since June 2024 (Power, smart city, Housing)



3 Hydro projects +  
budgetary Support  
**Rs 28,432 Cr**



12 industrial smart  
cities  
**Rs 28,602 Cr**



PM Awaas Yojana  
**Rs 5,36,137Cr**



**Total infra projects approved since June 2024**  
**Rs 13.3 Lakh Cr**



