

₹2,043-cr road projects OK'd to ease city traffic, link AIIMS to Ganga Path

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Patna: The state cabinet on Tuesday approved two major infrastructure projects of the road construction department (RCD), together valued at Rs 2,043 crore, aimed at improving road and bridge connectivity in the state capital. The move is expected to ease traffic flow on Nehru Path and improve access between AIIMS Patna and Ganga Path, said S Siddharth, additional Chief secretary of the cabinet secretariat department.

The first project, with an estimated cost of Rs 675 crore, involves the construction of the Dr Ram Manohar Lohia Path Chakra at select points on Nehru Path. It includes the development of subways, overpasses and U-turns, designed to reduce congestion and enhance both the safety and smoothness of traffic movement along one of Patna's busiest corridors.

The second project addresses long-standing connectivity issues between AIIMS Patna and Ganga Path. The cabinet approved the revised estimate of Rs 1,368 crore for its construction and completion. The work includes building a two-lane road and a four-lane elevated road from AIIMS Patna (NH-98) to the Patna end of the Digha rail-cum-road bridge.

In addition, pending work by the National Highway Authority of India (NHAI), specifically the approach road between AIIMS

INFRA BOOST

The first project, costing ₹675 crore, will create the Dr Ram Manohar Lohia Path Chakra on Nehru Path, featuring subways, overpasses and U-turns

The second project, with a revised estimate of ₹1,368 crore, includes a two-lane road and a four-lane elevated road linking AIIMS Patna to the Digha rail-cum-road bridge



Work pending under NHAI, including the approach road from AIIMS to Digha bridge, will also be completed under this project

The cabinet has also amended the Bihar Fire Service Rules, 2021, to include safety protocols for Patna Metro's elevated and underground infrastructure

Patna and the Digha bridge, will be completed. The project also includes a new link road to connect the Digha rail-cum-road bridge with Ashok Rajpath, further enhancing urban connectivity.

The cabinet also approved amendments to the Bihar Fire Service Rules, 2021, to include safety checklists for elevated and underground metro stations, platforms and depots under the ongoing Patna metro rail construction project. Once amended, the rules will be re-

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named Bihar Fire Service (Amended) Rules, 2025. The first section of the Patna metro is expected to be inaugurated in the second week of Aug.

Commenting on the two Patna-centric road projects, RCD minister Nitin Nabin said, "These projects vindicate the vision of CM Nitish Kumar to make Patna accessible from any part of the state in three and a half hours by 2027. The projects are aimed at making that vision a real possibility."

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Darbhanga and Wazirganj will each get 2 lakh litre-per-day (LLPD) capacity plants costing Rs 71 crore and Rs 50 crore, respectively. Gopalganj's 1 LLPD facility will cost Rs 54 crore. The milk powder plants at Dehri and Sitamarhi will have a capacity of 30 metric tonnes per day each with corresponding investments of Rs 69 crore and Rs 70 crore.

The cabinet also approved the revised estimate of Rs 165 crore for acquiring 50 acres of land near the Ma Janaki Mandir at Punaura Dham in Sitamarhi district. The Sitakund festival, held near Munger and known to draw both domestic and international visitors, was officially brought under the Bihar State Fair Authority.

To support sanitation workers, the cabinet sanctioned the formation of the Bihar State Safaikarmi Commission. This commission will work to mainstream sanitation workers and ensure their safety and rights. Furthermore, six new positions, including chairman and vice-chairman, were created for the Bihar Youth Commission.

Addressing growing water scarcity, the cabinet approved surface water supply schemes in Supaul and Kaimur districts. In Chhatapur block (Su-

paul), two pumping systems with a combined capacity of 31 million litres per day (MLD) will draw water from Sursar river to serve 318 wards in 63 villages. The project, which includes five years of maintenance, will cost Rs 320 crore.

In Kaimur's Aghora block, a 7.85 MLD tube well drawing from Sone river will supply drinking water to 41 wards across seven panchayats.

The cabinet also approved Rs 270 crore for installing electric fittings in classrooms and facilities across primary schools under the state's ongoing school renovation programme.

SCHEMES GALORE

The cabinet sanctioned Rs 180 crore for constructing godowns with a total capacity of 2.49 lakh metric tonnes through primary agricultural credit societies (PACS).

To improve urban mobility in Saran district, Rs 696 crore was allocated to the road construction department for building a flyover from Gandhi Chowk to Nagarpalika Chowk in Chhapra town. The project is aimed at eliminating chronic traffic congestion and ease movement. The cabinet approved a revised estimate of Rs 1,121 crore for civil and electrical works at the State Sports Academy and International Cricket Stadium in Rajgir.