

Extended part of J P Ganga Path to open on March 31

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Patna: After completion of its final segment, 20.5-kilometre JP Ganga Path from Digha to Didarganj will be dedicated to public on March 31, said state road construction minister Nitin Nabin on Thursday. During its inspection, he reviewed the five-kilometre-long bridge from Kangan Ghat to Didarganj.

Addressing the reporters, the minister said that a key feature of the Digha-Didarganj road is that the route connects to JP Setu on one side and a six-lane bridge



RCD minister Nitin Nabin inspects the progress of J P Ganga Path project

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ge on the other. "This route will greatly benefit the people travelling from north Bihar to Patna. Currently, it takes two hours to enter the city from Didarganj, but this connectivity will save time," Nabin said.

He added that the JP Ganga Path stretch provides connectivity through link roads to various locations such as Gaighat, Ashok Rajpath, PMCH, Gandhi Maidan and Atal Path, which will help reduce the growing traffic pressure in Patna. Nabin added that Bi-

har's double-engine govt accelerated every development project. "After making this route operational, we will focus on its expansion, which will include new connectivity from Digha to Kailwar and Didarganj to Mokama. Soon, this entire stretch will be integrated with the CM's comprehensive development scheme. This route along river Ganga will also be visually appealing," he said.

Accompanying him were Shirsat Kapil Ashok, managing director of Bihar State Road Development Corporation; its chief engineer Sunil Kumar; chief general manager Praveen Chandra Gupta and general

manager Arun Kumar among other officials.

The first stretch of JP Ganga Path from Digha to PMCH opened on June 24, 2022, second till Gaighat on August 14, 2023, while third till Kangan Ghat on July 10, 2024. Now, the stretch from Kangan Ghat to Didarganj (5km) will be opened on March 31. The total cost of the project is around Rs 3,831 crore. Ashok said that commuters who travelled via Patna to Nalanda can now take JP Ganga Path and get down at Didarganj, from where the toll plaza is only 1km away. "They don't need to enter Patna," he said. Presently, people take Pahadi and Bypass Road to travel to Nalanda.