

Cabinet OKs ₹25k cr Ganga, Varuna corridors for Varanasi

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New Delhi: The Union Cabinet on Wednesday approved two major elevated road projects in Varanasi — Ganga Corridor and Varuna Corridor — aimed at easing traffic congestion in the holy city and providing high speed connectivity from two national highways and the Ring Road. The two roads to be built with design speed of 100 kmph compared to existing road where vehicles crawl at 20 kmph will cost Rs 25,446 crore.

Announcing the decisions, I&B minister **Ashwini Vaishnaw** said the projects are critical considering that the holy city gets more than 15 crore tourists and pilgrims every year. He said these roads will improve connectivity to major religious, educational and cultural landmarks, including Kashi Vishwanath Temple, Banaras Hindu University (BHU), Namohat, Ramnagar Fort, Ghats of Varanasi, and Kashi railway station.

In posts on X, PM Narendra Modi said, “We are resolute in making darshan of Baba Vishwanath in Varanasi even more accessible and convenient with the expansion of connectivity in Uttar Pradesh.” He added that the construction of a 6/4-lane elevated

corridor along the banks of Varuna river will not only serve as a model for other cities of cultural importance, but will also make the lives of people easier through infrastructure development. He also said that the 6-lane corridor along the banks of the Ganga will “further improve access to the city’s major religious, educational, and cultural sites. At the same time, the reduced pressure on the road network will make commuting even smoother. This project will accelerate economic development in Purvanchal.”



Govt said the 46-km Ganga Corridor will have a 6-lane elevated main carriageway, an iconic cable-stayed bridge, extra-dosed footover bridge, corridor-major bridge, loops, ramps, link roads, and service roads. It will decongest the NH-19 (Prayagraj-Varanasi) and will also decongest the traffic from BHU-Ramnagar, NH-35 (Varanasi-Mirzapur). “It will reduce average travel time across the area from around 60 minutes to about 20 minutes. The 43-km Varuna Corridor will significantly decongest the city core and address chronic traffic congestion, govt said. Officials said this will reduce travel time between NH-31 to Kashi railway station from 40 minutes to 20 minutes.

Out to see off sister, toddler run over by her school bus

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Ludhiana: A three-year-old boy who had toddled along with his mother to see off his elder sister to school died after being mowed down by the school bus on Ludhiana’s outskirts Wednesday. The 20-year-old driver tried to escape but was chased down by locals who handed him over to police. There was no attendant on the bus, leading police to register an FIR against driver Navdeep Singh and management of BITS International Convent School.

Samardeep Singh’s mother accompanies her daughter Ramandeep to the pick-up and drop-off point on the main road near their house, said the father, Harmesh Singh. Some days, the toddler would also go along.

“After Ramandeep sat on the bus, my wife and son crossed the road in front of the bus to return home. Samardeep was walking behind his mother when the driver, without paying attention to the road and blowing the horn, started moving and mowed down my son,” said Harmesh. “The driver is a young boy, merely 19-20. How could school authorities give him the responsibility of driving a bus full of children? There was no attendant either. School authorities are equally responsible for the death of my son,” the father said.

Inspector Madhu Bala, Koom Kalan SHO, said driver Navdeep and the school management faced an FIR under charges of rash driving and causing death by negligence.

BJP turns Modi visits to states into clean-up drives

Mins, Workers In BJP States Mobilised To Sweep Roads Before PM’s Arrival

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New Delhi: PM Narendra Modi’s visits to states are increasingly being preceded by organised cleanliness drives under the ‘Swachhata Se Swagat’ banner, giving new vigour to a campaign he has long championed.

Across BJP-governed states, administrations and party units are converting the familiar pre-VVIP spruce-up into a public campaign. Chief ministers, ministers, lawmakers, civic workers and residents are being mobilised to sweep roads, clear markets and clean ghats and other public spaces before Modi arrives — giving the political welcome a Swachh Bharat imprint.

The latest rollout is in Haryana, where chief minister Nayab Singh Saini has launched a statewide drive ahead of Modi’s July 17 visit to



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Jind. Saini began the exercise in Panchkula by sweeping a market, collecting waste and planting a sapling.

The campaign also dovetails with the purpose of Modi’s visit. He is scheduled to flag off India’s first hydrogen-powered passenger train on the Jind-Sonapat route and launch development projects, allowing the state to

link the welcome with cleanliness, citizen participation and green mobility.

The template gathered visibility during Prime Minister Modi’s June visits to Odisha and West Bengal. Odisha organised cleanliness activities under the same slogan before his June 20 programme, drawing pra-

BROOMS BEFORE BOUQUETS

ise from the PM. Kolkata followed with a six-day operation across all 144 municipal wards and 16 boroughs, involving residents and civic personnel.

Chief minister Suvenhu Adhikari and other public representatives joined cleaning exercises at ghats, parks and public spaces.

The effort has also acquired resonance amid a wider conversation on civic beha-

viour. BJP functionaries noted. Videos of an ordinary passenger train running between Madurai and Rameswaram recently went viral after a traveller showed its coach, washrooms, sink area and floor remaining remarkably clean even after a 170 km journey. He credited railway staff as well as passengers who refrained from littering, arguing that public cleanliness depended on civic sense as much as official maintenance.

That episode provides an instructive counterpoint to the political campaign. ‘Swachhata Se Swagat’ can generate attention, marshal administrative resources and place senior leaders behind brooms. Its real success, however, will be measured after the cavalcade leaves — by whether the clean roads, stations and public spaces remain that way.

Med colleges told to verify seat matrix before counselling begins

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The approved seat matrix, which excludes Institutes of National Importance (INIs) such as AIIMS and JIPMER, covers 823 medical colleges across the country, including 441 govt and 382 private institutions, and will form the basis for this year’s counselling. NMC said the matrix could be revised if required following decisions of the Appeal Committee or any other competent authority.

But NMC also warned medical colleges against admitting students beyond the sanctioned intake, saying any violation would attract regulatory and penal action under NMC Act, 2019. Colleges have been asked to verify their approved seat matrix before counselling begins and report any discrepancies to MARB.

Of the 9,911 additional MBBS seats, 2,400 are in 25 newly established medical colleges (seven govt and 18 private), while the remaining 7,511 have come from enhanced intake in existing colleges. Private institutions accounted for nearly 79% of the additional seats approved this year.

Tyre burst cause of accident, not booze: Tech probe

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However, after examining evidence and the manner in which investigation was conducted, the high court found the charge under Section 105 to be “unsustainable”.

The court relied on the technical inspection report and also eyewitness accounts, which consistently indicated

that there were no signs of intoxication and that Singh was driving “steadily” throughout the journey. The high court also noted that while the medical report recorded the smell of alcohol, no breathalyser or blood alcohol test was conducted to scientifically establish intoxication. In contrast, the technical inspection identified the tyre burst as the immediate cause of the accident.



Cabinet nod to new investment policy for urea

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New Delhi: Govt on Wednesday approved a new National Investment Policy for Urea (NIPU-2026) to set up eight to nine new gas-based plants with a production capacity of 10 million tonne as it seeks to achieve self-reliance in meeting the most consumed fertiliser.

The policy aims at reducing India’s dependence on imports of the chemical soil nutrient and paving the way for a new wave of investments in domestic urea manufacturing. The move comes after the Hormuz closure which disrupted supply and sent global prices soaring, exerting significant pressure on govt’s subsidy bill especially given its inability to raise prices.

Announcing the decision, I&B minister Ashwini Vaishnaw said India’s dependence on imported urea has reduced after six plants were commissioned over the past decade. Responding to a question he said that India still depends on import of urea to meet 25% of its total 4 crore tonne annual requirement, he said: “The additional capacity of one crore tonne under the new policy will bridge that gap at current level.”

In a post on X, PM Narendra Modi said the policy “will not only encourage investment for the establishment of new gas-based urea production plants, but will also give new strength to the resolve for self-reliance in urea production. Official data show that the reassessed installed urea production capacity is currently at 26.9 crore tonne across 33 operational plants.

Panel to recommend three CEO candidates to Shri Ram Trust Board

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Lucknow: The three-member committee constituted to identify the next chief executive officer (CEO) of the Shri Ram Jannabhoomi Teerth Kshetra Trust is likely to recommend a maximum of three candidates from among the hundreds of applicants, with the final appointment to be made by the Trust’s governing board.

The application process for the coveted post remains open until 4 pm on Saturday, after which the committee will begin scrutinising applications. The Trust received more than 1,000 applications within 48 hours of issuing the notification for the CEO’s selection.

According to a member of the selection committee, the panel’s role is limited to screening candidates and recommending suitable names.



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mes. The authority to appoint the CEO rests entirely with the Shri Ram Jannabhoomi Teerth Kshetra Trust.

The Trust is currently functioning with 13 members after Krishna Mohan was inducted as interim general secretary following the resignations of Champat Rai and Anil Mishra.

According to the committee member, the vacancies are expected to be filled at the Trust’s meeting on July 22, restoring its full strength of

UK says trade deal based on trust, backs India’s security concerns

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New Delhi: The landmark India-UK trade deal that came into effect Wednesday reflects real warmth and trust in the relationship along with the ability to discuss issues of importance to both sides, said UK officials. While refraining from commenting on individual cases, diplomatic sources said that the UK takes India’s concerns over national security and financial fugitives very seriously and works to address those.

The remarks are reassuring for India as it expects greater geopolitical alignment with London in the wake of the game-changing Comprehensive Economic and Trade Agreement (CETA), especially over core issues like extradition of fugitives, national security and counter-terrorism. Speaking



British deputy high commissioner Steve Hickling flags off container trucks during an event marking the India-UK trade deal at Sanand, Ahmedabad, on Wednesday

separately at a news conference, British high commissioner Lindy Cameron described the India-UK free trade agreement as the new gold standard of trade deals, calling it pro-worker, pro-innovation and pro-growth.

As the two sides concluded the trade negotiations last year, PM Narendra Modi

had stressed the significance of not allowing extremist ideologies — an allusion to Khalistan separatists active in the UK — to misuse democratic freedoms and backed ongoing efforts for extradition of economic offenders.

With the trade deal injecting new momentum in ties, both sides are also working together

her on a Vision 2035 roadmap to boost cooperation in areas like defence, technology, climate, education and people-to-people connectivity.

Cameron said the deal is going to increase India’s and the UK’s GDP by nearly ₹5 billion. “We’ve boosted our bilateral trading relationship, which is already of course worth ₹48 billion, by making day-to-day trade cheaper, quicker and easier for the UK and India. It will also increase financial trade by over ₹25 billion every year in the long run,” said Cameron, adding that the deal has unlocked the combined economic might of two global economic powerhouses.

The high commissioner recalled UK trade minister Chris Bryant’s remarks earlier in the day that the India-UK trade agreement sends a message to the rest of the world that the rules-based order works.

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Centre expects MPMS to double cellphone production

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Alongside the semiconductor push, the Cabinet approved MPMS to succeed the existing production-linked incentive scheme for mobile phones, shifting the focus from large-scale assembly towards deeper localisation and Indian intellectual property.

The scheme will provide sales-linked incentives ranging from 2.25% to 5%, with additional incentives of up to 1.5% linked to domestic sourcing of key components and sub-assemblies. Indian brands, which are undertaking design and R&D, will be eligible for an additional 3% incentive.

Govt expects MPMS to nearly double cumulative

mobile phone production to around Rs 39 lakh crore during the scheme period from about Rs 22 lakh crore achieved under the existing PLI programme. Mobile exports are projected to reach Rs 15 lakh crore, compared with Rs 7.5 lakh crore under PLI, while the scheme is expected to generate around 60,000 direct jobs, added Vaishnaw.

Data presented showed India’s electronics production has expanded seven-fold since 2014, while electronics exports have grown 11-fold. Mobile phone production has increased 33 times, exports have surged 166 times, and India has emerged as the world’s second-largest mobile phone manufacturer by volume, with 99.2% of phones sold domestically now made in India.