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Railway Ministry has fast tracked the six high speed rail corridors involving a whopping investment worth Rs. 10 lakh cr. in this connection, the ministry is currently conducting a detailed study for all the six rail corridors or bullet trains commanding a complete length of 4,109 km, railway minister Piyush Goyal said in a statement, adding that the corridors include Delhi-Varanasi via Noida, Agra and Kanpur, Delhi-Ahmedabad via Jaipur and Udaipur, Mumbai-Nagpur through Nasik, Mumbai Hyderabad via Pune, Chennai-Mysore through Bangalore and Delhi-Amritsar by Chandigarh, Ludhiana, Jalandhar and Amritsar. He stated the responsibility to prepare DPR has been trusted to the National High-Speed Rail Corporation that is implementing the Ahmedabad-Mumbai bullet train project. The railway is undertaking measures for improving the speed of both passenger and freight trains. Currently, Mumbai-Ahmedabad High-Speed Rail corridor is the only rail project has been sanctioned and the same is under execution with the technical and financial cooperation from the Government of Japan, he claimed.

Telangana targets Rs. 11,917-cr low-cost housing units

In a big boost to the housing sector, the state government in Telangana has allocated a whopping sum worth Rs. 11,917 crore to build low-cost housing units across the state during the new fiscal, said state CM in an official statement, adding that with this six-year long wait and dream to own a housing unit will be materialized. The state government has given its approval for rehabilitation and upgrading two-lanes into four lanes with paved shoulders with a length of over 780- km in states like Rajasthan, Uttar Pradesh, and Andhra Pradesh and Himachal Pradesh. The projects involve an investment of Rs 7,662.47 crore which includes a loan component of Rs 3,500 crore. The loan assistance of the World Bank will be under the Green National Highways Corridor Project (GNHCP) and it also includes the maintenance of these National Highways stretches for five years and in the case of flexible pavement and for 10 years in case of rigid pavement after completion of construction work, said official sources, claiming that the project comprises four components -- sustainable development and maintenance of national highways, institutional capacity enhancement, road safety and research and development.

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Bengaluru gets Rs. 9,771-cr infrastructure booster

The state government in Karnataka has announced an allocation of Rs 9,771 crore for multiple infrastructure projects in and around the Bengaluru city. Out of the total allocation, Rs 8,772 crore has been earmarked for overall development and Rs 999 crore for solid waste management. The state CM has confirmed that the Nava Nagarathana scheme, which was slated to be taken up last year, will be started during the new fiscal. The state tried to address Bengaluru’s three main problems of chaotic planning, mobility crisis and crumbling solid waste management system. The government has approved an action plan with a grant of Rs 999 crore to make Bengaluru a model city in solid waste management and also announced over Rs 5,550 crore for the Cauvery Phase V project, which seeks to supply 775 million litres of water to Bengaluru, and another Rs 1,000 crore for upgrading sewage treatment plants (STPs).
Samruddhi corridor dots 1,699 tunnels, flyovers & bridges

Maharashtra State Road Development Corporation (MSRDC), which is currently building Mumbai-Nagpur Samruddhi Mahamarg aimed at reducing the travel time between the two cities to eight hours from the current 16-hour drive currently, said official sources. They said adding that as many as 1,699 structures including bridges, flyovers, rail-over bridges, tunnels and interchanges are being constructed along the corridor.

addition, it will also house 31 of the 65 major bridges and three of the eight rail-over bridges. Further the construction work on the 274 minor bridges is currently in progress. MSRDC aims to complete a major portion between Mumbai and Igatpuri by the end of this year. The agency will also consider opening the stretch for traffic between Igatpuri and Mumbai, which is a hilly terrain, in the next few months and is looking to complete the entire project by June 2021.

Biggies vie to bag Rs. 1,325-cr metro corridor

The much-delayed Metro project on the Outer Ring Road (ORR) between Central Silk Board and KR Puram gains momentum in Bengaluru with nine Indian companies evinced interest in constructing the 19-km long project involving an investment of Rs. 1,325 crore. Divided into two parts for speedier construction, the first package received six bids while the second package surprisingly received a total of eight bids. The BMRCL, which opened the bids, is happy with the overwhelming number of construction companies participating in bidding process. In the first package, the 9.85-km Metro line consists of six elevated Metro stations such as Central Silk Board, HSR layout, Agara, Ibbalur, Bellandur and Kadubeesanahalli. The BMRCL has also included construction of loops, ramps for road flyover at Central Silk Board junction with an approximate length of 2.84-km costing Rs 731.18 crore. With a length of 9.7-km, the second package comprises seven elevated Metro stations such as Kodibeesanahalli, Marathahalli, ISRO, Doddanekundi, DRDO sports complex, Saraswathi Nagar and KR Puram including 1.59-km link line to Bellanduru entailed an investment of Rs 594.25 crore.

Maharashtra plans 500-km long green field e-way

The state government has proposed to construct a 500-km long green field e-way expressway along the Konkan coastline connecting Nhava Sheva in Raigad district with the border of Maharashtra and Goa, urban development minister, Eknath Shinde, said, insisting that the Maharashtra State Road Development Corporation (MSRDC) is conducting a technical and financial feasibility study of the project. The plan is to build it along the coastline so that those travelling will enjoy the natural beauty of the Konkan thereby helping developing the coastal tourism of the region. It will reduce stress on the Mumbai-Goa National Highway as the expressway will start from Chirle village near Nhava Sheva port (Raigad) to Patnadevi village located on the border of Maharashtra and Goa. The expressway will crisscross coastline of Raigad, Ratnagiri, Sindhudurg district and will help in the development of Konkan and ensure the quicker evacuation of its crop produce such as cashew nut, mango etc, with the quicker evacuation of its crop produce such as cashew nut, mango etc, with the international market and will create jobs as well.

Himachal gets two green field highways worth Rs. 2,700-cr

The Union Government has approved the upgrade of two roads at a cost of Rs 2,700 crore under the Green National Highway corridor projects, which will restrict carbon emissions and contain ecological disasters using Japanese technology. The roads are Hamipur-Mandi via Sankhal-Kotli (105 km) and Paonta Sahib-Shillai-Gumma (109 km) and that the two stretches measuring almost 214 km will enhance the length of double-lane roads to 2,600 km, said Regional Officer of the Road Transport Ministry, Vipin Sharma, adding that the two single-lane stretch roads will be upgraded to make them double-lane under the technology used in Japan to protect the hilly slopes to avert disasters. The ministry had issued strict guidelines to ensure use of local raw material and pre cast bridges and culverts as the geometrics of these roads will also be improved besides construction of by-passes, integrated bridges, and no expansion joints ensuring smooth travel to commuters.

Decks cleared for 72-km Bangalore Metro extension

Decks have been cleared for the 72-km extension of the Bangalore Metro Rail project with the BMRCL’s acquisition of 33 religious places for the construction of the planned Phase-II project on six stretches across the city, said Special Land Acquisition Officer at BMRCL, Channappa Gowdar, claiming that a majority of the land housed temples and they will be demolished and rebuilt to ensure that the acquisition of these places do not attract trouble. They included thirty temples, two churches and a mosque and that the religious places are acquired for Metro projects only if it is inevitable. However, it has not made any progress in acquiring some portion of All Saints Church in Vellara Junction, they have been successful elsewhere. Wherever possible, it acquired alternate land and have liberally compensated for the structure. In places where it is not able to acquire alternate land, it is providing compensation for the land and also offering building the structures.

World Bank infusing $70 mn in Indian waterways

The World Bank is all set to provide a grant worth $70 million to develop India’s under-utilized network of rivers and canals as an alternative mode of transport in response to shipping ministry’s proposal for a technical assistance grant from the Bank to build a transport connectivity and grid linking waterways in eastern region with its South Asian neighbors. The Eastern Waterways Connectivity Transport Grid (EWACGT) project aims to provide seamless connectivity between National Waterway-1 (NW-1) and NW-2 through the Indo-Bangladesh Protocol (IBP) routes, and develop an economic corridor of 4,200 km of waterways and coastal shipping for Uttar Pradesh, Bihar, Jharkhand, West Bengal and the North-Eastern States. The aim is to pave the way for the regional integration of five countries — India, Nepal, Bhutan, Bangladesh and Myanmar — in the South Asian region, an official of Shipping Ministry said.
Karnataka shortens Rs. 2,061-cr Salem-Bengaluru highway

The state government in Karnataka has decided to shorten the route of Salem-Bengaluru highway to facilitate travelers to reach Bengaluru a bit faster while commuting on NH 844. According to sources, the project will cost Rs. 2,061 crore and will involve construction of a new route via Rajajinagar and Palacode thereby shortening the distance to Bengaluru by 25 km. The NHAI has earlier upgraded the state highway between Malur and Athihyamana Kottam as NH 844 as the project consists of four corridors. The first phase will cover the 23-km distance between Nerurakka in Karnataka and Tirupparankundram.

Nishant Sinha spearheads Bosch Power Tools segment

Bosch Power Tools, India, a market leader in the power tools segment offering a complete range of power tools for construction, woodworking, and the metalworking industry, has appointed Nishant Sinha as the Regional Business Director for India & SAARC. He brings his rich business experience to lead the growth of the power tools products, accessories, measuring tools, lawn & garden tools, and after-service businesses across multiple channels at Bosch Power Tools. Nishant is an engineer from IIT Banaras Hindu University and has a post-graduate degree from IIM Calcutta. His vision for the company is to curate compelling value propositions and customised solutions satisfying customers while adding value to the organization and its customers across relevant markets. The new Director aims to develop a stronger customer-connect and focus on effective channel expansion for deeper market penetration of the power tools division. With an advanced approach with his team he will work to broaden the reach of power tools, accessories, and measuring tools through alternate channels, while also strengthening the digital and services network of the brand.

Commenting on the new Nishant Sinha said, “I am happy to lead the Bosch Power Tools division in India and SAARC and look forward to fostering a collaborative work culture delivering high-performance standards to provide superior value to the customers and stakeholders. Bosch Power Tools in India and SAARC have exceptional people and an innovation-oriented work culture that has ensured its past successes as a market leader. I endeavor to channelize its full potential to propel growth and a wider outreach with customer-focused quality-driven initiatives.”

AAI takes ECB route to fund Rs. 25,000-cr airport infra

In a bid to ensure smooth funding flow for capacity expansion of airport infrastructure across the country, the Airports Authority of India (AAI) has decided to raise $300 million through External Commercial Borrowing (ECB) route out of the proposed five-year outlay of Rs. 25,000 crore starting this year, said chairman Anvind Singh, adding that the AAI board has already given green signal to the move. The airport authority aims to spend a minimum of Rs. 5,000 crore each year on the infrastructure in line with the government’s announcement of building 100 new airports in five years in addition to the 48 airports newly made operational in the past four years. Once these projects are completed the passenger capacity of the AAI-run airports will be more than double to 700-750 million as compared to 350 million passenger capacity as it goes for expansion, upgradation and green field development, he added.

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The State government in Telangana has sanctioned Rs. 453 crore for the construction of 205 check dams to provide irrigation water to farmers, an official spokesperson B Government Reddy, said, elaborating that precious water worth 1,200 tmc discharged into the sea every year and to make the most out of it, the state administration has decided to construct barrages at Medigadda and Porikai for the optimum utilization of the Godavari and its tributaries river waters. The government released the NABARD funds for building the check dams and that the tendering process for 104 check dams worth Rs 275 crore is currently is in full swing and the remaining dams would be taken up soon on fast tracked basis. The targeted project will help irrigate around 1 lakh acres agriculture land, he claimed.

CMRL unveils 5th Vellore-Ukkadadam corridor

The CMRL has finally decided to build a 5th corridor for the proposed Combiatore Metro project to connect Vellore and Ukkadadam, said sources, elaborating that consulting firm Systra MVA, which prepared the feasibility reports advises that the 1st corridor will be 26-km long connecting Ukkadadam with Kanyur and the 2nd corridor will connect Ukkadadam and Bilichi areas and the 3rd one between Thanneerpandal and Karanampetta will be 24-42-km and the 4th corridor would cover 44-km between Kanury Nagar-Ganeshapuram and that the 5th corridor will be 11-km long connecting the bus terminal at Vellore. It has also identified plots at the Press Colony and Chinniyappalam belonging to the station metro train for building facilities. The routes will be taken up in a way that there would no disturbance to traffic flow on existing roads. Underground alignment of the routes and stations will be carried out by cut and cover methods. After securing financial sanctions for the land acquisition, the revenue department will help Chennai Metro Rail Ltd to acquire the lands for building metro rail depots and allied facilities.

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Thyskennrup Elevator has recently launched its first central spare parts warehouse in Pune, India. The new state-of-the-art facility will further improve services for customers operating in domestic and neighboring country’s market. As a single management and storage point, Indian Technological Warehouse in Chakan, Pune aims at maintaining total availability of all spare parts for their operators, optimizing their logistics through analysis and processing of data collected in real time. The warehouse operations will later be integrated with ERP Warehouse Management model for optimized inventory management and logistics processes, it was stated by Manish Mehan, CEO, Thyskennrup Elevator (India). The urban mobility multinational thus provides a simple and effective solution to minimize downtimes of defunct elevators by ensuring round-the-clock availability of spare parts and distributing them just in time to its service technicians. As a result, there is a 10% saving per year in the number of trips made by technicians to pick up components at their local office between jobs. In addition, there will be a 20% optimization in waiting time for the customer until the elevator is put back into service – simply because technicians will have the spare part at their disposal immediately. With a total surface area of 10,000 sq-ft, the new warehouse in Pune holds up to 5000 different parts and components for maintenance service. In addition, it has the capacity to handle more than 10,000 orders per year. – With this new project thyskennrup aims to reduce the environmental impact and promote a more sustainable supply chain. thyskennrup Elevator promotes interoperability and efficiency by eliminating an unnecessary number of journeys for the shipment of components it concluded.

NHAI unveils flurry of flyovers in Assam

In order to ensure smooth movement of vehicular traffic in the state capital, the National Highways Authority of India (NHAI) has decided to build four flyovers and is preparing the detailed project report (DPR) for flyovers at Basistha Chariali, Lakhra and Goruchuk on the national highway stretch of Guwahati. Minister of Guwahati Development Department Siddhartha Bhattacharya said, adding that the DPR will be completed shortly to start the construction work. The Guwahati bypass connecting Khanapara and Jaktikuri was constructed to ease the heavy traffic within the city has now turned into a major traffic hazard for road users. The 18-km long bypass sees heavy traffic cascading during the peak hours every single day, which sometimes runs up to Jalukbari and Basistha and the planned flyovers will cater to the increased congestion on the highway.

TN takes up Rs. 413-cr urban infra projects

The state government in Tamil Nadu announced underground drainage projects worth Rs 413 crore for Coimbatore and Trichy municipal corporations, municipal administration minister, S P Velumani, said. He further informed that Rs 175 crore has been allotted for Coimbatore to construct 153 km of underground drainage system. The minister also allotted Rs 238 crore for Trichy city under the smart city funds for repairing the existing underground drainage pipes in the core city areas and also setting up new systems in new areas. Apart from the underground drainage system, Trichy city also secured Rs 53.79 crore for implementing a drinking water project and allotted Rs 127.75 crore for projects in Erode, Vellore and Hosur municipal corporations as the projects will be executed investing funds from the World Bank through the Tamil Nadu Sustainable Urban Development Project (TNSUDP).

SCR-SCCL inks MoU for Rs. 927-cr rail line

The South Central Railway (SCR) and Singareni Collieries (SCCL) have inked a memorandum of understanding (MoU) for laying a new railway line between Bhadrachalam RoadSATapatli at an investment of Rs. 927 crore. This new line is being developed by SCCL and SCCL for transporting coal from mines located closer to SCCL in the Saltapalli area. In this connection, SCR paid Rs 200 crore to Singareni Collieries to kick start the construction work. Prior to this, the Railway Board sanctioned a total cost of Rs 704 crore after which SCCL deposited Rs 156.38 crore with the Railways meeting construction cost. Later on, a revised estimate was prepared for accommodating additional functional requirements to the tune of Rs 927.34 crore with railway sharing Rs 409 crore and SCCL contributing Rs 618.55 crore, said an official spokesperson.

MSRDC pushes Rs. 1,222-cr Sion-Panvel highway widening

In a bid to decongest the Sion-Panvel Highway, the Maharashtra State Road Development Corporation has chalked out a plan to develop a six-lane elevated road between Kharghar and Turbhe in Navi Mumbai at an investment of Rs. 1,222 crore and in this regard, the MSRDC is sending the project to the state government for final approval. The road will be a 5.4 km stretch, of which 2.5 km will be a tunnel Of the total project cost, Rs 305 crores will be funded by the City Industrial and Development Corporation (CIDCO) and Rs 153 crores each by the Maharashtra Industrial Development Corporation (MIDC) and the MSRDC. The other 50% amounting to Rs. 611 crores will be procured by generating loans, said MSRDC in an official statement, claiming that the project will save travel time between Kharghar and Turbhe by 15 to 30 minutes. MSRDC has stated that there is a need for an alternate route as the Sion-Panvel Highway is unable to handle the traffic volume and that the stretch will also be used by commuters travelling via the Thane-Belapur stretch.

Meghalaya gets $300mn foreign funded MITP

The state cabinet has decided to build Meghalaya Integrated Transport Project (MITP) under the externally aided project of the Central government to improve connectivity in the state. Union finance minister already approved the project of worth $ 300 million sought in two phases which comprised of 150 million US dollars each. Meghalaya information minister James K Sangma, said adding the MITP has been planned with the objective to improve road connectivity, overpasses and inrland and waterways for transportation while keeping in view the tourism opportunities in the state. This program is also expected to bring about better access to markets, ease traffic congestion and promote socio-economic development. Eighty per cent of the funding would come as external assistance under the externally aided project (EAP), and the remaining 20 per cent would comprise 10 per cent to be funded by the state, and 10 per cent would come as a loan, he claimed.

Getac launches tablet for logistic & field professionals

Getac has recently launched ZX70 G2, a fully rugged, highly portable tablet to boost productivity and decrease downtime for mobile field professionals in the utilities, manufacturing and transport & logistics (T&L) sectors. The ZX70 G2 builds on the proven track record of Getac’s popular ZX70 tablet, bringing design, next generation connectivity and powerful computing performance together in a lightweight and compact design. The result is a mobile device that’s both highly reliable, and easy to operate over long periods, in environments ranging from the factory/warehouse floor to restoration to outdoor facilities and assets. The product features a powerful Android OS and innovative Qualcomm® Snapdragon™ 660 platform which offers fast computing alongside low power consumption, meaning users can work for longer between charges – an essential requirement for field workers. It’s built with Bluetooth functionality keeps workers connected, while the powerful 8MP/12MP front/rear cameras make it easy to accurately document activity and receive remote expert support whenever required. In addition, it also features the very latest MIL-STD-810H certification, ensuring it can easily stand up to the demands of modern field usage. This includes updated vibration resistance - an essential requirement for in-vehicle usage in the T&L sector where devices must remain fully operational during long trips over rough terrain, said an official spokesperson.

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Puducherry pushes four new rail lines

The local administration in Puducherry has called upon the railway ministry to expedite work on four rail projects connecting the Union Territory by laying new lines connecting Puducherry-Cuddalore, Chennai-Mahabalipuram-Puducherry-Cuddalore along the East Coast Road, Puducherry-Tindivanam and Karikal-Perambal. The LG Kiran Bedi also asked the Railway Minister to help Puducherry, a popular tourist destination, to get better railway connectivity. She also called upon the heads of various departments to ensure the timely completion of the on-going projects and that managers and contractors have been asked to keep ready project details for all the planned infrastructure projects. The objective is to improve and sustain all-round progress and work together to avoid cost over-runs of projects and complete them within budgetary limits.

NHAI awards Rs. 1,546-cr bypass & bridge projects

The National Highways Authority of India has approved six-laning of the Vijayawada bypass from Gollapudi to Chinnakakani, which includes a major bridge across River Krishna, and issued work orders for the same under Bharatmala Pariyojana. The project for the Rs.1,546.31-crore contract for the Rs.1,546-cr road & highway projects

Adani Group bags Rs. 1,546-cr road & highway projects

The Adani Enterprises led consortium received letter of award (LOA) for road contracts from National Highways Authority of India (NHA) involving an investment of Rs. 1,546.31 crore. With the newest cache the Group has a total number of four road projects bagged under Hybrid Annuity Model (HAM) spanning in the state of Chhattisgarh, Telangana and Andhra Pradesh. The project awarded recently involves the construction of six-laning of 17.88 kilometres of Vijaywada Bypass from Gollapudi to Chinnakakani, which includes a major bridge across River Krishna in Vijayawada Gundugoluano section of NH-16. The company further stated that the total construction period of the project is 2.5 years and the operation period is 15 years. The addition of lanes will ease traffic congestion for vehicles travelling to Visakakhampatram and Hyderabad as they would be able to bypass Vijayawada. The project, which was pending for the last ten years and it will bring development to Amaravati region. The company is an integrated infrastructure builder with businesses spanning across the construction of roads and highways, coal mining, oil and gas exploration, ports, multi-modal logistics, power generation & transmission and gas distribution.

Railways floating tenders for Rs. 6,500-cr station upgrade

Aiming to transform passenger experience at Indian Railway stations, Railway Ministry has finally decided to redevelop the New Delhi and Mumbai railway stations matching global standards. In this regard, the Railway Board will be inviting bids next month for revamping both these stations. The New Delhi railway station has been planned to be revamped at a cost of Rs 6,500 crore for which the bids have been finalized and the cost of Mumbai railway station is being worked out. Chairman, Railway Board, VR Yadav, said recently, adding that the system of modernization will give an integrated approach for enhancing the capacities of the Indian Railways ecosystem, through multi-tracking railway connectivity across the country. Under the proposed plan access roads will be constructed similar to airports. The first phase of the revamp includes the development of 110 acres of land where the redevelopment includes new elevated concourse, revamping of 16 platforms and revamp of the existing station buildings with world class facilities.

MahaMetro launches metro line over existing road

MahaMetro has begun the construction work on one of the most ambitious segments of its projects, which includes the development of flyover and Metro route over the existing road and railway line at Kamppte Road. The first of its kind structure will create 4 layers transportation mechanism at Gaddigodam, Kamppte Road as the Central Railway recently approved to start construction over Railway Land at Gaddigodam.
MahaMetro takes up tunneling of CSIA Airport-7A Line

MahaMetro has recently initiated the construction work on another underground Metro corridor connecting CSIA Airport with Line 7A line between Western Express Highway (WEH), Andheri, and Dahisar east. The 3.1-km corridor 7A will have an underground stretch of 2.1 km as there will also be a land tunnel and the contractor will be using the cut-and-cover method in which the stretch of road will be dug up and then reinjected after work is completed. The corridor will take the elevated route from Andheri east to Airport colony from where it will go underground up to the airport station of Metro 3. Said official sources, adding that there will be two stations: Airport Colonies will be underground and it will be integrated with Metro 3 (Colaba-Bandra-Seaport) station. Work orders for Line 7A were issued along with those for Line 9 (Dahisar to Mira-Bhayander) last year. The 13.5-km Line 9 is expected to be completed by October 2022.

Tata Consultancy Services partners with SNB

Tata Consultancy Services (TCS) has entered into an agreement with the Delhi-South NCR region Rapid Transit System (SNB) to offer end-to-end Information Technology (IT) and Business Process Management (BPM) services for the operation and maintenance of a High-Frequency Rapid Transit System (HFRTS) in the SNB Region. The HFRTS will serve as a major mobility option to the residents of Delhi, Gurugram, Rewari, Manesar, Dadri, and Haridwar, and nearby areas in Haryana in the NCR region.

MMRDA unveils skyscrapers at BKC complex

The Mumbai Metropolitan Region Development Authority (MMRDA) has unveiled a long-term plan for the integrated redevelopment of Bandra Kurla Complex (BKC) starting with E Block and the entire region will have buildings with height up to 80 metres housing about 25-30 stores each. The plan includes redevelopment of buildings into skyscrapers and connecting them with elevated walkways: gardens at podium levels, sky gardens, improved recreational facilities, a pedestrian plaza and a pedestrian bridge across the Mithi River. The process of redevelopment will help generate funds for financing various infrastructure projects in the Metropolitan Region by earning revenue to the tune of Rs 18,000 crore for the hassle of changing trains. The Delhi-SNB Regional Rapid Transit System (RRTS) corridor will add to the transport infrastructure by giving a fast, safe, comfortable and reliable mobility option to the residents of Delhi, Gurugram, Rewari, Manesar, Dadri, Haridwar, and nearby areas in Haryana in the NCR region. In a related development its Water & Effluent Treatment Business segment has secured an order from a client in the Sultanate of Oman for the design and execution of a water infrastructure project to enhance the Al Dhakla Water Transmission System. Phase – II. This is a repeat order and has been secured under international competitive bidding. The scope of work in the contract includes 173 km of pipelines for water transmission with associated civil works, 18 RCC water storage reservoirs, five pumping stations with associated Mechanical, Electrical, Control and Instrumentation works, said an official spokesperson.