



Project Signing: World Bank loan of USD 250 million to support development and management of Rajasthan's state highway network

The Government of India, Government of Rajasthan and the World Bank signed a USD 250 million loan agreement for the Rajasthan State Highways Development Program II Project to build the state's capacity to better manage its highways and improve traffic flows on selected highways in Rajasthan. The World Bank-supported project will support the construction, upgradation, improvement and maintenance of 766 kms of state highways and major district roads. It will also focus on enhancing the institutional capacity to manage strategic network of the state through operationalization of Rajasthan State Highways Authority. In addition, it will also strengthen the capacity of the Public Works Department which is responsible for about 70% of the state's road network. Special attention will be accorded towards management of the road safety in the state.

The World Bank-supported project will help leverage private capital of around USD 45 million through a public-private partnership model. It will also support sustainable capacity to mobilize capital for the state highway network through the highway agency under the Rajasthan's State Highway Act, 2014. The operation will also support the piloting of about 100 km of digital highways through design and implementation of Intelligent Transportation System interventions such as toll management systems and control center, incident detection and management systems using CCTV cameras, variable message signs, speed management systems using Automatic Number Plate Recognition, speed cameras, and solar-powered animal crossing warning system, among others. Additional focus will explore the possibility of making roads more resilient to climate change, particularly high temperatures and flooding, and support resource efficient growth through use of greener materials.

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