

Gadkari pledges connectivity boost



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Union surface transport minister Nitin [Gadkari](#) on Sunday announced 1253 km in the [National](#) Highway in a bid to bridge the yawning communication gap of Assam with the rest of the country.

Opening the second Saraighat bridge [over](#) the river [Brahmaputra](#) in Guwahati, the minister said the Centre has already sanctioned a Rs 15,000 crore for the purpose. “ I took the decision after [chief](#) minister Sarbananda Sonowal asked me personally, “ said [Gadkari](#).

He further said the government is preparing a detail project report on the huge bridge [over](#) the river [Brahmaputra](#) in Majuli and work will [start as soon as](#) the report is received.

Before that the minister opened the second bridge [over](#) the mighty river in Guwahati to boost the bridge connectivity of the premier north eastern [city](#) with the lower Assam districts.

Chief minister Sarbananda Sonowal, transport minister Chandra Mohan Patowary, education minister Himanta Biswa Sarma, MP Bijoya Chakravartty were prominent among those who attended the function.

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