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9 years of Modi govt: India witnessed fast-paced infrastructure development in all sectors in the last nine years

The Union Government has made unprecedented investments in modern infrastructure in the last nine years taking the country to new heights. The quality of a country's infrastructure is a key determinant in shaping its economic trajectory. The Narendra Modi-led Govt has kept infrastructure at the front and centre of its development agenda.

AIR correspondent reports that the country witnessed fast-paced infrastructure development in all sectors in the last nine years. Over 53000kms of National highways were added with rural road connectivity increasing to nearly 99% coverage through the Pradhan Mantri Gram Sadak Yojana. The speed of highway construction has reached 37km per day. Indian railways also witnessed a massive capacity expansion through line doubling and electrification and the Vande Bharat Express, India's first indigenous Semi High-Speed trains, is a major 'Make in India' success story.¹⁵ Vande Bharat trains are already operational and 400 Vande Bharat express trains are to be manufactured in the next three years. In the last nine years, the metro rail projects have reached 20 cities. In the aviation section steps were taken to make it affordable and accessible through the Udan project. 74 new airports have been built and operationalized in the last 9 years. Further 111 waterways were declared as National Waterways. The country also witnessed major constructions during this period like the World's highest railway bridge, the Chenab Bridge, the World's longest highway tunnel, the Atal Tunnel, further the completion of many long-pending projects like the Saryu Nahar Irrigation Canal, Eastern, and Western Peripheral Expressway etc. Prime Minister Narendra Modi also announced the PM Gati Shakti National Master Plan (NMP), with the aim of accelerating development activities in the country, institutionalizing holistic planning and inter-departmental coordination through a single integrated portal. The recently implemented infrastructure development projects are accelerating the country's journey towards becoming a developed nation by 2047.

