

# Gadkari Pushes Accountability in Infra-Building at ASSOCHAM Summit

At the ASSOCHAM Infrastructure Conference & Achiever's Awards 2026, Chief Guest Shri Nitin Gadkari called for urgent accountability in infrastructure development, citing delays in decision-making, weak planning and lack of oversight as key reasons behind project overruns.



**Shri Nitin Gadkari**  
Hon'ble Union Minister,  
Road Transport and Highways

India stands at a defining moment, where speed, scale, and sustainability must converge. Quality alongside quantity is essential to meet with long-term infrastructure challenges.



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**Rail Vikas Nigam Ltd.**  
New Pamban Bridge - Landmark Infrastructure



**Border Roads Organisation**  
ALG NYOMA - Strategic Infrastructure



**Dineshchandra R. Agrawal Infracon Pvt Ltd**  
OD-7 - Exceptional Tunnel



**Welspun Enterprises Ltd.**  
Aunta-Simarua - Innovative Design

### Infrastructure Conference and Achiever's Award 2026 Engineering Resilience

Building Intelligence into Infrastructure Construction

Emphasising a zero-compromise approach to quality, Shri Gadkari noted that poor workmanship often goes unpunished and defect liability provisions remain ineffective. He urged strict penal action, including blacklisting of erring contractors, and stressed that technology must reduce costs without compromising quality. Advocating innovation, he highlighted the importance of waste-to-energy solutions, new materials and continuous improvement in construction practices.

In his presidential address, Nirmal K. Minda highlighted India's steady economic progress amid global uncertainties, noting rapid expansion of highways, tunnels and multimodal connectivity. He emphasised the role of advanced technologies such as SCADA in improving safety, efficiency and sustainability.

Delivering the vote of thanks, Saurabh Sanyal described infrastructure as the backbone of economic transformation and stressed stronger collaboration between government and industry to accelerate execution, adopt technology and ensure last-mile connectivity.

The conference also featured sessions led by Ashutosh Chandwar, R C Jain and moderated by R K Pandey, focusing on highways, tunnels and execution challenges, reflecting a shift from ambition to delivery.



**Maharashtra State Road Development Corporation Ltd. & AFCONS**  
Mumbai-Pune Missing Link - Iconic Bridge



**National Highways Authority of India**  
UER-II - Elevated Corridor



**Larsen & Toubro**  
New Ganga Bridge, KDBP - Innovative Design



**Border Roads Organisation**  
Bakhasar-Mavasari, Chetak - Resilient Highway



**RITES Ltd**  
USBRL - Strategic Infrastructure



**Patel Engineering Ltd**  
USBRL (T15 & Part of T14) - Strategic Infrastructure



**Gammon Engineers Contractors Pvt Ltd**  
Curved Cable Stayed ROB-2, Innovative Design



**CSIR-CRRI & BPCL**  
Technical Textile Geocell from Plastic Waste - Innovative Material



**Kanti Prasad Mittal Infra Pvt Ltd.**  
Red Table Top Marking, Nauradehi - Innovative Material



**Megha Engineering & Infrastructures Ltd**  
Zozila - Peak Excavation



**Frontier Geo-Service Pvt Ltd**  
Khurda-Bolangir - Tunnel Design



**AFCONS Infrastructure Ltd.**  
RRTS - Geotechnical & DPR



**G R Infraprojects Ltd.**  
Madanapalle-Pileru - Resilient Highway



**Dineshchandra R. Agrawal Infracon Pvt Ltd**  
DND Ballabgarh - Sustainable Highway



**Interise Project Management Pvt Ltd.**  
Krishnagiri-Walajahpet - Sustainable Practices



**Wirtgen India Pvt Ltd.**  
Micro-Fine Milling - Construction Equipment



**Reliance Industries Ltd.**  
Ethanol Blending & H2ICE - Alternate Fuels



**Larsen & Toubro Construction**  
Rishikesh-Karaprayag - Peak Excavation



**Witt India Pvt Ltd**  
OD - 7 Tunnel - MEP Ventilation



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DND Ballabgarh - Sustainable Highway



**Vertis Infrastructure Trust**  
27 SPVs - Sustainable Practices



**Geobrugg India Pvt Ltd.**  
Geobrugg® GUARD - Digital Remote Monitoring



**ASSOCHAM President welcoming the Union Minister**



**Segmental Infrastructure Development Ltd**  
Kheliani - Tunnel Design



**GEED Simulations Pvt Ltd**  
Dwarka Tunnel - MEP Ventilation



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**IL&FS Engineering & Construction Company Ltd.**  
Bangalore Metro - Elevated Corridor



**Maharashtra State Road Development Corporation Ltd.**  
Mumbai-Pune Missing Link - Digital BIM



**Shri Nirmal K Minda**  
President, ASSOCHAM

India's infrastructure expansion is strengthening resilience, connectivity and economic competitiveness.



**Shri Saurabh Sanyal**  
Secretary General, ASSOCHAM

Collaboration between government and industry will be critical to deliver future ready and resilient infrastructure.



ASSOCHAM felicitates the Union Minister as Infrastructure Man with Futuristic Vision



Government Panel and Award Jury - (L-R) Saurabh Sanyal, SG, ASSOCHAM, Lt Gen Suresh Sharma, PVSM, AVSM (Retd), Former DG, BRQ, Amarendra Kumar, Director (Technical) - I, NHIDCL, Atul Kumar, Addl. DG (Roads), MoRTH, Hon'ble Union Minister Shri Nitin Gadkari, A K Pandey, Director, IAHE, Col Parikshit Mehra, Secretary, Govt of Telangana, R K Pandey, Former Member (Project), NHA, Ashutosh Chandwar, COO, DRAIPL, (Mr. Nirmal K Minda delivering welcome address)