

Union Cabinet green-lights two line doubling rail projects

New Delhi: The Union Cabinet on Wednesday approved two line doubling railway projects - 133-km Koderma-Barkana Doubling and 185-km Ballari-Chikmagalur - which cover a total of seven districts in Jharkhand, Karnataka and Andhra Pradesh. The total estimated cost of the projects is ₹6.05 crore. **Koderma-Barkana**

The Koderma-Barkana line passes through a major coal producing area of Jharkhand. It serves as the shortest rail link between Patna and Ranchi. The cost is ₹2.03 crore.

Ballari-Chikmagalur

The ₹3.342-crore project will facilitate movement of 18.9 million tonnes of additional cargo. **ENS**

Railway safety body gives final nod for Mizoram capital's first rail link

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THE COMMISSION of Railway Safety (CRS) has authorised operations on the railway line from Hortsokti Sairang in Mizoram to the final clearance for a key stretch that will connect state capital Aizawl by rail for the first time.

The Hortsokti-Sairang line is the last leg of the 138-km Ballari-Chikmagalur rail project.

Sairang is a satellite town of Aizawl, around 20 km from the city. It sits in Kolasib district, near the border with Assam, has so far been the only railhead in Mizoram.

The inspection by the CRS, a

railway safety audit body under the Ministry of Civil Aviation, is the final step before train operations commence.

A senior official of the Ministry of Railways said the 33.86-km Hortsokti-Sairang stretch was inspected by Sunet Singh, Commissioner of Railways Safety. The north-east Frontier Circle, the last stretch of the rail link, will likely take place this month.

So far trains have entered only up to 1.5 km in Mizoram. They have also not been running on the Bairabi-Hortsokti section that was commissioned last year during the commissioning of the



national railway network. Mizoram's capital is now integrated with the national rail-

way network and trains are set to run on the complete stretch.

The CRS inspection was conducted via motor vehicle and on foot, followed by a speed trial using an inspection special train, driven by a diesel locomotive. The Hortsokti-Sairang section lies in hilly terrain and includes 32 turnouts and 23 level crossings.

Following the inspection, the CRS has authorised the opening of the broad gauge line from Hortsokti to Sairang for public carriage of goods and passengers at a maximum permissible speed of 90 kmph on the main line.

Sairang New Line Railway Project comprises 48 tunnels (with a cumulative length of 12,853 metres), 135 major bridges and 87 minor bridges.

The height of one of the bridges, bridge number 196, is 104 metres, which for context, is 42 metres taller than the Qutub Minar.

The Bairabi-Sairang project is part of a broader push by the Ministry of Railways to connect all northeast states by rail. This involves numerous new line and doubling projects across Assam, Nagaland, Arunachal Pradesh, Sikkim, Manipur and Tripura. Rail work is yet to take off in Meghalaya over years of opposition by local groups.

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5 stations

51.38 km

Bairabi to Sairang

CJI: Supreme Court's SC sub-quota ruling ensured fair share for most marginalised

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Chief Justice of India D.Y. Chandrachud

CHIEF JUSTICE of India D.Y. Chandrachud on Tuesday said that the objective of the Supreme Court's ruling in favour of sub-quota reservation with Scheduled Castes for the purposes of reservation was "to ensure that the most marginalised within marginalised groups receive their fair share".

The CJI said that the decision was "a major breakthrough for the people of India that they belong to, that they can speak for themselves, and that they have an equal place in every sphere of society and power," he added.

He said the Constitution of India carries the heartbeat of those who were never meant to be heard, and the vision of a country where equality is not just promised but pursued. It compels the State not only to protect rights but to actively uplift, to affirm, to repair," he said. Dr. B.R. Ambedkar "saw representation as a necessary check—system of constitutional checks and balances—to guard against the arbitrary power and social dominance of dominant castes and groups."

"Heunderstood that in a society where inequality had been systematically entrenched, change would not come naturally or voluntarily. Therefore, the constitutional text itself had to carry the weight of a mandate—an mandate to protect, to empower, and to ensure representation," he said.

CJI said that the constitutional guarantees on representation "reflect a vision of substantive equality which goes beyond formal equality and requires the State to take positive action to correct historical disadvantages."

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PERSONAL

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L NO 289559/W, Rank - H.M. KAMAL KUMAR, BAHADUR BHAI DADHIKA RAI RESIDING At & Po. 1, Venkateswara, Tel: 38335, State: Gujarat, have Changed My Son Name From YOGENDRA KUMAR to KHANT YOGENDRAKUMAR BHUPATHRAI
Age: 20 Years, Date: 11-06-2025 Below Notary Public: D.G. Mehta, -Intragar, Gujarat, Date: 11-06-2025
JADEA ISHWARYABA M: 86865 77777

LOST PASSPORT

I, THE UNDERWRITER, JADEA ISHWARYABA DECLARE THAT MY PASSPORT NO. R-39714565, WHICH WAS INADVERTENTLY MISPLACED AROUND ONE MONTH AGO, WAS FOUND IN A JEWELRY RAJOUT AFTER I LEFT FROM MY HOME FOUND, PLEASE CONTACT A REPUTED FOR A SAFE RETURN
JADEA ISHWARYABA M: 86865 77777

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Mr. Ramaiah, son spouse of Mr. Venkatesh Kumar Vajubhai, resident of Vilwasa, Po-Kandar, Tel-Palnor, Ds-Bansarkar (Gujarat) have changed my name from Venkatesh Ben, DOB 09-04-1994 to Ramkumar Nareswar Mar. Mr. DOB 27-04-1983 Date: 06-05-2025 before Notary G. V. Patel

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I, the undersigned, SODHA BIBIBEN HARUNBHAI declare that I have changed my name from BIBIBAH HARUNBHAI SODHA to SODHA BIBIBEN HARUNBHAI Now onwards I shall be known as SODHA BIBIBEN HARUNBHAI
SODHA BIBIBEN HARUNBHAI
Date: 06-06-2025 before Notary G. M. Jada

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I, BHARATIBEN spouse of BERA KAMARAJBHAI JTBAB, DOB: 01-01-1971, VIT: PO-24-A, TE: 34-ANJUR, Dist: RAJASANAKANTHA (Gujarat) PIN-365515 have changed my name from JIGNASHA to JAYBEN SUBHASHBHAI MARU DOB: 10/06/1979 Affidavit dated 06-06-2025 before Notary G. M. Jada

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