

## Boost to infrastructure

# Metro Phase-2 work to be completed by June

Phases 3 to 7 of the Sabarmati Riverfront — from Indira Bridge to Gandhinagar — to be completed in three years: Rushikesh Patel

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**D**uring the discussion on urban development projects in the Assembly on Monday, Health Minister Rushikesh Patel, on behalf of CM Bhupendra Patel, told the House that 78.33% of the work on Ahmedabad Metro Rail Project Phase-2, between Motera and GIFT City/Mahatma Mandir has been completed, with plans to finish the remaining work by June 2025. Similarly, 57.20% of the work on the Surat Metro Rail Project has been completed, with its completion targeted for October 2025.

### Sabarmati Riverfront to be extended

Additionally, the development of India's longest riverfront along the Sabarmati River, covering Phases 3 to 7 from Indira Bridge to Gandhinagar, is set to gain momentum. The government has planned to complete it within three years, with an allocation of Rs 100 crore.

The minister further stated that the Urban Development and Urban Housing Department has presented a budget demand of Rs 25,399 crore in the Legislative Assembly. To advance



### Rs 200 crore allotted to develop religious sites

During the Assembly session, the minister mentioned that 338 prominent religious sites in 15 districts — including Dwarka, Somnath, Becharaji, Pavagadh, Siddhpur, Kapadvanj, Patan and Palitana — will be developed at a cost of Rs 200 crore.

urban development in Gujarat, the state government has declared 2025 as the "Year of Urban Development". Compared to the previous year, this year's budget has been increased by 40% to Rs 30,325 crore.

A provision of Rs 450 crore has been made under the Swarnim Jayanti Mukhyamantri Urban Development Scheme, with a total

allocation of Rs 13,297 crore. Of this, Rs 200 crore has been earmarked for the development of "Gaurav Path" (iconic roads) as a pilot project in nine new municipal corporations and 13 Class-A municipalities in 2025-26.

Under the Pradhan Mantri Awas Yojana, the state government has increased price assistance per house by Rs 50,000.