

# PM to roll out 9,500 projects in a day

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**New Delhi:** The Rajasthan government is set to create a record of sorts next Tuesday, August 29, when Prime Minister Narendra Modi rolls out more than 9,500 road projects, including national highways, state roads and rural roads under PMGSY as well as the state's flagship programmes. These will altogether cost over Rs 27,000 crore.

The PM is scheduled to visit Udaipur next week to lay foundation stones for projects as well as inaugurate some (see graphic). Union highways minister Nitin Gadkari will also attend the event, besides chief minister Vasundhara Raje.

According to sources, 109 projects are being funded by the road transport ministry and the National Highways




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### HIGHWAY PROJECTS TO BE ROLLED OUT BY PM NEXT WEEK IN RAJASTHAN

#### Projects ready for inauguration:

NO OF WORKS	STRETCH	COST
 5,606	 14,371 km	 11,543 crore

#### Projects ready for laying foundation stone:

NO OF WORKS	STRETCH	COST
 3,908	 10,900 km	 15,863 crore

Authority of India (NHAI) — the projects primarily involve widening of highways, and improvement and construction of state roads.

The PM will inaugurate 11 completed NH projects totalling about 873-km in length, including a six-lane cable-stayed bridge across the river Chambal in Kota.

The majority of the pro-

jects fall under the Centre's rural connectivity programmes, as well as those of the state government, such as the PM Gram Sadak Yojna (PMGSY), Rajasthan Road Sector Modernisation Project (RRSMP) and Gramin Gaurav Path. Thirty-one others are on the build-operate-and-transfer (BOT) model.

Rajasthan is one of the

leading states in implementing public-private-partnership road projects under the BOT model. A government source said the PM will address a "mammoth rally" in Udaipur while rolling out the projects. Arrangements are being made for a live telecast of the event at more than a dozen spots in the state.

"The district collectors have been alerted and the schedule will be shared with them soon. The live telecast will be at the exact project sites," said an official.

There are reports that the PM may also roll out various housing- and development-related works across cities remotely from Udaipur.

The PM's visit and the number of projects being rolled out are significant as only a year is left for the assembly elections in Rajasthan.