

Min: Govt to execute pending road projects

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Patna: Newly appointed road construction department (RCD) minister **Nand Kishore Yadav**, who assumed office on Tuesday, said executing pending projects will be his top priority.

Yadav, who held the same portfolio during the NDA's first term in the state, said his predecessor Tejashwi Prasad Yadav did not take up any new project, except Lohiya Path Chakra. "We will review the work done in the past two years and if any loophole is found, the guilty will face the music," the minister said.

Yadav said Ganga Path or Ganga driveway and Kachchi Dargah-Bidupur six-lane bridge – the two projects initiated during NDA's first term in the state – will get topmost priority. The minister said Ganga Path – Patna's own version of Marine Drive – will now be extended and connected to the upcoming six-lane bridge.

"The department will utilise central funds to const-



ruct Patna-Ara-Buxar, Patna-Bakhtiyarpur-Khagaria and Chhapra-Gopalganj roads. People of the state need not worry as we have got double engine now – one at the Centre and another in the state. Development will get a fresh momentum in the state," the minister claimed.

He said construction of the proposed Lohiya Path Chakra, Digha-AIIMS elevated road and a flyover opposite the Patna Junction are some of the other projects on the government's priority list. Yadav instructed the officials concerned to devise ways to make footpaths in the city free of encroachment.