

# Patna Jn flyover set for opening by Oct 31

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**PATNA:** The long-awaited flyover connecting Mithapur road over bridge (RoB) with Chiraiyatand bridge bypassing Patna Junction would open to traffic by October 31.

The flyover, estimated to cost about Rs 170 crore, is aimed at decongesting the Mithapur-Chiraiyatand stretch of road and also providing smooth access to vehicular traffic from Budh Marg to Kankerbagh via the Chiraiyatand RoB.

Road development minister Nand Kishore Yadav on Friday said there would be no further deferment of the project, which



■ The under-construction Patna Junction flyover.

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has already suffered inordinate delay due to various reasons. The flyover was originally supposed to become operational by December 2015.

After reviewing the progress on various projects of Bihar rajya pul nirman nigam limited (BRPNNL), the minister said

Nasiriganj-Daudnagar bridge on river Sone would be inaugurated by March 31. The work was delayed owing to land acquisition issues on both sides of the river.

Yadav said work on the flyover connecting Bhikhari Thakur RoB with Mithapur RoB via R Block would resume soon with a

modified design. Being built at a cost of Rs 176.85 crore, design of the flyover was found to be faulty and accordingly modified in consultation with experts from IIT, Delhi.

“The consultant, SN Bhobe, has been blacklisted by BRPNNL for suggesting a faulty design. The BRPNNL would also begin repair of the service lane so that it can be made motorable before Dussehra,” the minister said.

Managing director of BRPNNL Umesh Kumar and other senior officials were present on the occasion. They said a consultant has been appointed to prepare the detailed project report (DPR) of a bridge parallel to Vikramshila Setu in Bhagalpur.