

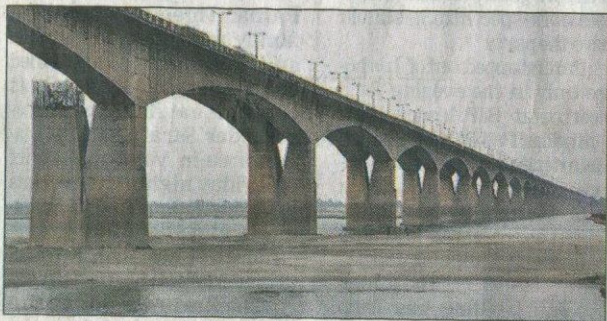
INFRA BOOST FOR CITY AS '17 DRAWS TO A CLOSE

Patna took a giant leap in terms of infrastructural development in 2017. Construction of a new bridge over the Ganga and groundwork on extension of the Patna airport's terminal building were some of the examples. TOI's **Piyush Kumar Tripathi** lists 10 major projects which, according to state government officials, will go a long way in boosting infrastructure in the state capital:



1. SAMRAT ASHOK INTERNATIONAL CONVENTION CENTRE

The Samrat Ashok International Convention Centre on the north of Gandhi Maidan was inaugurated on April 10 to mark the two-day national conclave on centenary celebrations of Mahatma Gandhi's Champaran movement organised by the state government



2. REHABILITATION OF MAHATMA GANDHI SETU

Rehabilitation of the 35-year-old Mahatma Gandhi Setu began in February with demolition of the western flank of the bridge. New steel girder-based spans are proposed to be laid on the western flank by September next year and vehicular movement will resume by November

3. EXTENSION OF TERMINAL BUILDING AT PATNA AIRPORT

The government handed over 11.5 acres of land to Airports Authority of India (AAI) near Jayaprakash Narayan International airport for extension of terminal building. The AAI commenced work on the development of four new parking lots on December 12

4. CIVIL ENCLAVE AT BIHTA AIRBASE

The district administration acquired around 108 acres of land near Bihta airbase in December for development of a civil enclave for facilitating commercial flight operations. The AAI is expected to commence construction of boundary wall around the site in January

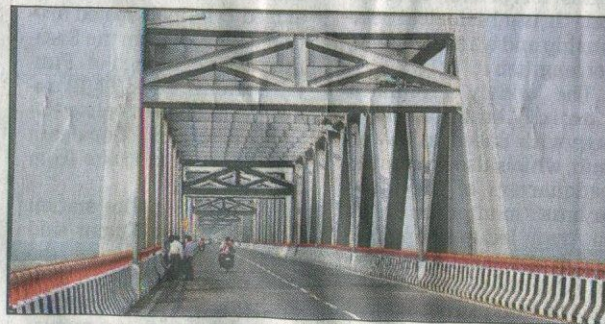
5. MULTILEVEL PARKING NEAR PATNA JUNCTION

The multilevel parking facility was thrown open for autorickshaws near the Patna Junction on December 14 to ease traffic congestion in the area. The parking facility was developed with an expenditure of ₹15 crore in the year 2013, but remained underutilized



6. STATION ROAD FLYOVER

The Station Road flyover connecting Mithapur railway overbridge (RoB) with Chiraiyatand RoB was inaugurated by the CM on December 26. The work on the flyover started in November, 2013 and it has been constructed using funds to the tune of ₹167.85 crore



7. J P SETU OVER GANGA

CM Nitish Kumar inaugurated the road deck of J P Setu between Digha and Sonepur on June 12. The bridge proved to be a major boon for commuters travelling between north and south Bihar, especially after the commencement of Gandhi Setu rehabilitation work

8. TASTE OF BIHAR AT GANDHI MAIDAN

Three food courts, christened Taste of Bihar, were thrown open for common people at Gandhi Maidan on August 17. The food courts serve various cuisines, such as Chinese, Italian, Mughlai, Awadhi and South Indian to the visitors

9. SEWAGE PROJECTS

PM Narendra Modi laid the foundation for a comprehensive sewerage network project for Patna at Mokama on October 14. The project launched by the PM will create additional sewerage treatment capacity of 120MLD besides upgrading the existing STP at Beur

10. FOUR NEW GALLERIES AT BIHAR MUSEUM

The CM inaugurated four galleries of regional art, contemporary art, historical art and Bihari Diaspora at Bihar Museum on October 2. The world-class museum was inaugurated on August 7, 2015 with only orientation and children galleries