

# CM: 6-lane bridge on Ganga at Mokama to be ready by 2021

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**PATNA :** A six-lane road bridge over the river Ganga, parallel to Rajendra Setu at Mokama, will be ready for traffic by 2021.

Chief minister Nitish Kumar made this assertion after conducting an aerial survey of the project and inaugurating of a string of construction projects in Munger on Wednesday.

The National Highways Authority of India (NHAI) is building about 8-km-long bridge, including 6.28km approach road, on the river Ganga connecting Aunta Ghat in Mokama and Simaria in Begusari. Work to lay 10 pillars in the river for the bridge has begun. Very soon, the NHAI will take up building the approach road. The CM also directed the officials to expedite the process of land acquisition for building the approach road to Munger rail-cum-road bridge. Though the bridge has been opened for train services, vehicular traffic on it could not start for want of approach road, which is about 9km long. The district administration has so far provided land to the NHAI for building six out of nine km stretch of the road.

He said that the long-awaited Aguani Ghat-Sultanganj bridge over the river Ganga, being built by the road construction department (RCD), would become operational by next year.

## THE BRIDGE

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Calling upon the officials to execute infrastructure projects within the deadline, the CM said Munger had immense potential to promote eco-tourism. "The town possessed many hot springs," he said.

RCD minister Nand Kishore Yadav, chief secretary Deepak Kumar and principal secretary of RCD Amrit Lal Meena accompanied the CM during the aerial survey. Deputy CM Sushil Kumar Modi, water resources minister Rajiv Ranjan Singh, building construction minister Maheshwar Hazari, and science and technology minister Jai Kumar Singh also spoke at the programme to mark inauguration of various projects. The projects that were inaugurated included a government polytechnic college at Ramnkabad, block-cum-circle office at Teti-ambabar and a rail over bridge at Bariyarpur.