

New bridge coming up parallel to J P Setu

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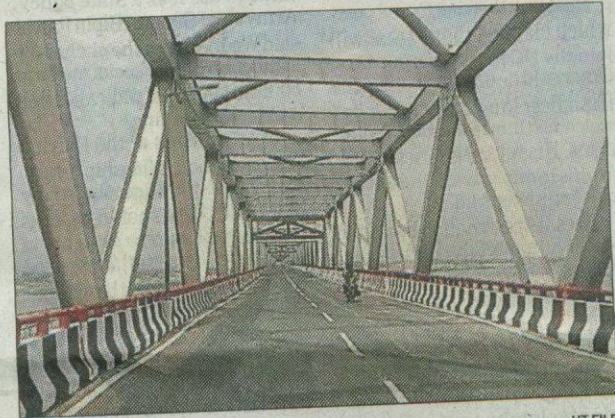
PATNA: The state government on Wednesday decided to construct a four-lane bridge across Ganga parallel to the existing J P Setu from its own resources.

A decision to this effect was taken at a high-level meeting chaired by chief minister Nitish Kumar after the aerial survey of the alignment of the proposed ring road across the state capital.

The CM asked the road construction department to immediately initiate process of preparing the detailed project report (DPR) of the bridge.

The 4,556 metres rail-cum-road bridge, J P Setu, is the second longest rail-cum-road bridge in India, after Bogibeel Bridge in Assam. This is second railway bridge in Bihar after Rajendra Setu that connects North Bihar to South Bihar.

The meeting also decided on the new alignment of the Patna



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ring road and increased its length from 50 km to 160 kms. The state government in August 2017 decided to construct the 50 km long ring road with the starting point from the proposed 6-lane bridge over river Ganga, via Naubatpur, Lakhana, Daniawan and Fatuha.

The ring road will go a long way in providing smooth traffic

flow, especially for vehicles bound for north and east Bihar districts.

"The new alignment will now run from Kanhauli-Naubatpur-Dumri-Lakhna-Kacchidargah-Bidupur-Chak Sikandar to north of Hajipur town-NH77 at Sarai. It will cross State Highway 74 and join NH-19 four lane road-Dighwara-Sherpur and

join Kanhauli," said an official. "The road will be 60 meters long," he added.

Earlier, in October 2018, the Centre has given its approval for the Patna Ring Road. The Centre has also decided to fund the Danapur-Bihta elevated road.

The proposed alignment of the Patna Ring Road is Bihta-Naubatpur-Dumri-Daniawan-Kachchi Dargah-Bidupur-Hajipur-Sonepur-Digha-Bihta and was to be constructed at an estimated expenditure of Rs 15 billion.

In case of the Danapur-Bihta elevated road, it will be built on the alignment of the existing road. The state government will pay for land acquisition of the project, whereas the Centre will bear the cost of building the road.

The CM also made an aerial survey of the 6-km-long Ganga bridge coming up between Kachchi Dargah and Bidupur and AIIMS-Digha elevated corridor.