



12th session of India – Japan Joint Working Group (JWG) on Roads and Road Transportation Sector

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The 12th session of India – Japan Joint Working Group (JWG) on Roads and Road Transportation Sector was held on 15th October, 2026 at Bharat Mandapam, New Delhi. Ministry of Road Transport and Highways organized the meeting with the participation of representatives from the Government of India and the Government of Japan, along with relevant institutions and industry stakeholders.

The meeting provides an important platform for strengthening bilateral cooperation in the road transportation sector between the two nations, with particular emphasis on advanced construction technologies, tunnel and bridge engineering, sustainable infrastructure development, and the application of new and digital technologies in road management. The deliberations facilitated the exchange of technical knowledge, experience and best practices between the two countries, while exploring opportunities for enhanced collaboration in the planning, construction, operation and maintenance of road infrastructure.

The meeting aligns with the vision of **Viksit Bharat @2047 articulated by Shri Narendra Modi, Hon'ble Prime Minister**, which envisages India as a developed nation by the centenary of its Independence supporting economic growth, improving connectivity, strengthening logistics efficiency and facilitating access to opportunities across regions. **Shri Nitin Gadkari, Union Minister for Road Transport and Highways**, has emphasised on the development of world-class, safe, efficient, sustainable and technology-driven road infrastructure including bridges & tunnels that supports India's economic growth and enhances the convenience and quality of life of its citizens.



Under whole of Government approval, Ministry of Railway and Ministry of Power also actively participated in the Meeting.

Experts and representatives from the Indian and Japanese technical institutions and industry also shared their knowledge and experiences during the technical presentations and interactive question-and-answer sessions. The deliberations provided an opportunity to exchange perspectives on the adoption of innovative technologies and sustainable practices for improving the quality, efficiency and management of road infrastructure.

The meeting reaffirmed the importance of India-Japan cooperation in advancing road and transport infrastructure through technological innovation, sustainable construction practices and the exchange of technical expertise.

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