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## Process to complete 84 kms outer ring road starts

- NHAI to do outer ring road's 40.140 kms work on West-North-East side
- PWD's 22.810 kms work on South-West side nearing completion
- NHAI starts 21.430 kms work on South-East side

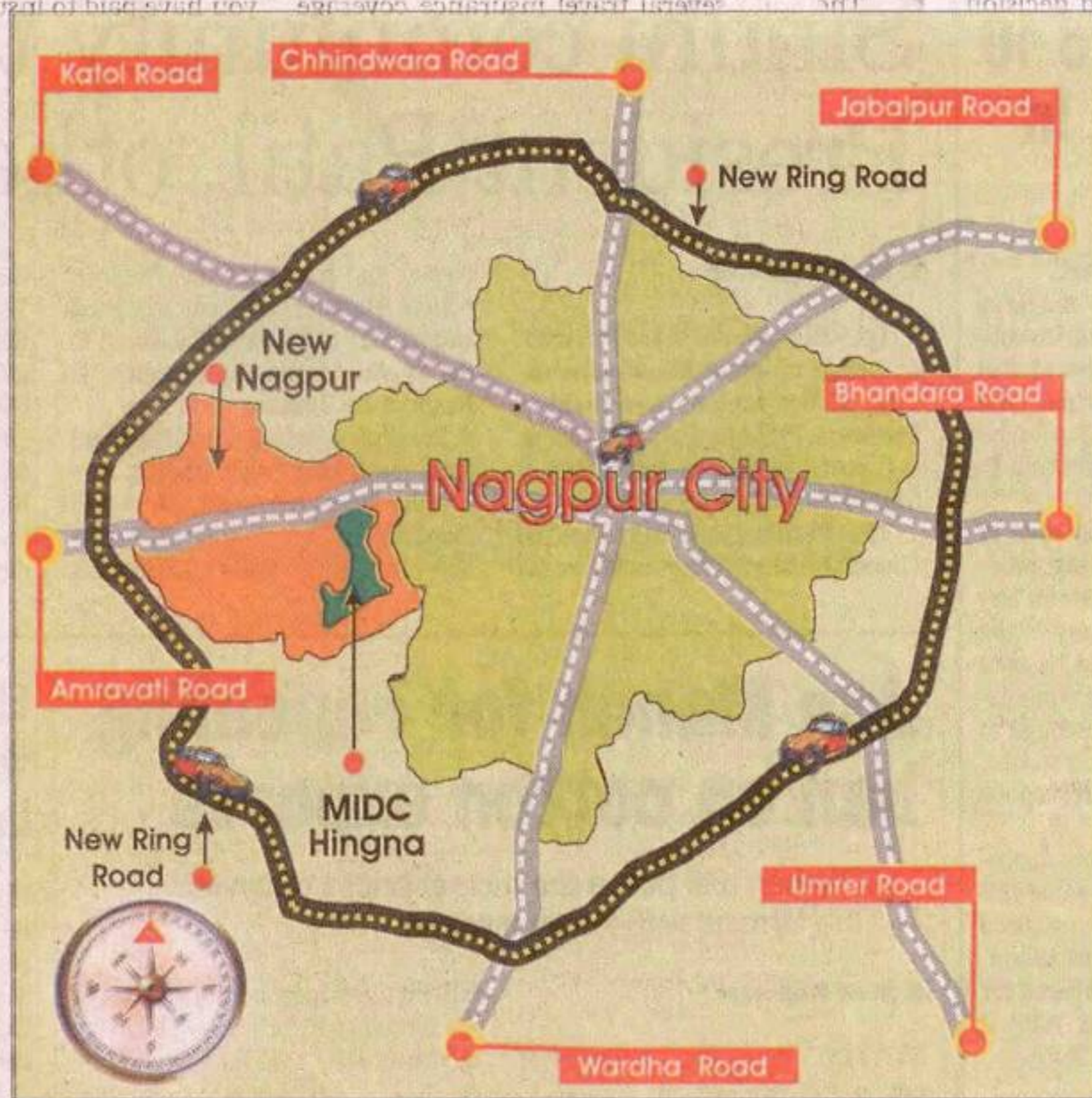
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FINALLY, the process to complete 84.38 kilometer-long outer ring road work around Nagpur city has begun. National Highways Authority of India (NHA) has proposed to do 40.140 kilometers outer ring road starting from the city's West side (Amravati road) to North side (Chhindwara Road) to East side (Bhandara Road).

Three National Highways - Surat-Amravati-Nagpur-Bhandara-Raipur NH No 6, Hyderabad-Nagpur-Kamptee-Jabalpur NH No 7, and Nagpur-Saoner-Chhindawara NH No 69, and three State Highways including Katol Road SH No 248, Hingni-Hingna-Nagpur SH No 255, and Nagpur-Umrer Major SH No 9 join the city limits. Due to these highways, heavy vehicles plying on these roads cause severe traffic congestion. Considering this, inner ring road was constructed from Hingna to Chhatrapati Square to Pardi. With city's expansion, inner ring road has virtually become part of the city's internal road network.

In 2004, considering the problem, Public Works Department (PWD) had proposed to construct 84.38 kilometers outer ring road connecting all three national highways and three state highways along with three MIDCs including Kalmeshwar, Hingna and Butibori, and MIHAN, encircling the city.

Initially, the outer ring road work was proposed in three phases including 22.810 kilometer portion commencing from West side, that is, from Gondkhairi (Amravati Road) to Hingna to Gaosi Manapur



The initial design of outer ring road around Nagpur. (Design by Rammurty Nerlay)

on Wardha Road on South side, 21.430 kilometers part from Gaosi Manapur crossing Umrer Road to Kapsi (Bhandara Road) on South side, and 40.140 kilometers portion from Gondkhairi (Amravati Road) crossing Katol Road on West side to North side, that is, Bokhara (Chhindwara Road) crossing Jabalpur Road to Kapsi (Bhandara Road) on East side.

Of the three phases, PWD has acquired 80 meters wide land from Gondkhairi to Hingna to Gaosi Manapur and started two-lane road in 2006. The work is nearing completion. The road from Gondkhairi to Hingna touching Hingni State Highway (Wardha district) is completed and opened for traffic. The work from Hingna to Gaosi Manapur is nearing completion. The construction of bridge on Vena river is also in final stage. PWD officials say that the first phase work

will be completed by June.

The second phase of 21.430 kms, that is, from Gaosi Manapur crossing Umrer Major State Highway-9 to Kapsi (Bhandara Road) being done by NHAI, is in progress. With these two phases, half of 84.38 kilometer outer ring road is under construction from Gondkhairi to Gaosi Manapur to Kapsi connecting NH-6 (Amravati Road) to NH-7 (Wardha Road) to NH-6 (Bhandara Road).

The third part of outer ring road, that is, 40.140 kilometers from Gondkhairi to Bokhara crossing Chhindwara road NH-69 to Khairi crossing Jabalpur NH-7 to Kapsi is pending. PWD had already acquired 60 meters wide land from Gondkhairi to Kapsi. Initially, the work was to be done by PWD. Now, State Government has requested NHAI to do the work. NHAI has already floated a tender to appoint consultant who will prepare entire plan of 40.140

kilometer length. With this, process to complete 84.38 kilometers outer ring road has started. According to NHAI officials, work will start after submission of plan from consultant as land is already in possession of PWD.

As per PWD's initial proposal, outer ring road will start from Gondkhairi and will cross Katol Road near Hanuman Mandir located at Phetri. There will be a Railway Over Bridge above New Delhi-Chennai railway line. Road will cross Chhindwara NH near Bokhara and also cross railway line going towards Koradi Thermal Power Station and Saoner-Khapa railway line. Road will cross Jabalpur NH near Khairi. There will be railway over bridge on Nagpur-Gondia railway line near Kanala. The end point of outer ring road coming from Gaosi Manapur will be at Kapsi on Bhandara Road where 40.140km portion will also complete.

Along with this work, NHAI is also planning to develop South-West side's 22.810 kms two-lane road into four-lane.

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