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- **PM GatiShakti Approves 400+ Projects Worth ₹20.23 Lakh Crore:** The Network Planning Group (NPG) has recommended approval for over **400** infrastructure projects across ministries, worth approximately **₹20.23 lakh crore**, under the PM GatiShakti initiative launched on **October 13, 2021**. All logistics projects exceeding **₹500 crore** are routed through the NPG. The digital platform integrates over **1,800** data layers spanning **58** central ministries and all **36** states/UTs, alongside **65+** software modules and **100+** applications.
- **Ujjain Shifts Bus Operations for Simhastha 2028 Prep:** Ujjain administration closed the Dewas Gate bus stand from **October 12**, shifting all...



... services to Nanakheda to support Simhastha **2028** infrastructure works, including road widening and an elevated bridge. The Nanakheda stand, spread across **1.689 hectares**, will be upgraded by the Ujjain Municipal Corporation with parking, drinking water, and sanitation. Maksi and Tarana services will run near Makodiya Aam, while Badnagar Road services shift to Mullapura.

- **Hubballi Villagers Demand Return of Beloved NWKRTC Bus:**

Residents of Devanur and Bilebal villages have demanded the return of NWKRTC bus **KA 25/F-2937**, which served the Hubballi-Devanur route for nearly **15 years** with **six daily trips**. Sent for fitness certification **2 months ago**, the bus was reassigned to Navalgund depot, and its replacement reportedly suffers frequent technical glitches. About **200 villagers** plan to picket the depot, while divisional controller H Ramanagoudar has promised to examine the matter.

- **Tamil Nadu IAS Officer Revives 1,200 Abandoned Borewells:** IAS officer Prathap Murugan, as District Collector of Tiruvallur, converted nearly **1,200** abandoned borewells into rainwater harvesting structures, raising groundwater levels by **5–10 feet**. The initiative revived dry wells and hand pumps, restored irrigation for farmers, and reduced village dependence on water tankers. Using existing infrastructure instead of costly new systems, the cost-effective model is now viewed as a replicable blueprint for rainwater harvesting across water-stressed states in India.

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