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Water Coverage (India)

- **NAINA City to Generate 15 Lakh Jobs:** Maharashtra CM Devendra Fadnavis declared the NAINA notified area near Navi Mumbai International Airport the “Third Mumbai,” projecting **15 lakh** jobs—**5 lakh** high-paying and **10 lakh** basic-to-intermediate—over the next **50 years**, with locals getting first priority. CIDCO has been authorized to fix land record errors after farmers raised concerns over the promised **40%** land return. Signal-free travel from Worli to the airport is expected within **6–8 months**, while an integrated water supply plan for Raigad and Thane districts is being prepared.



- **E20 Petrol Blending Raises Efficiency and Cost Concerns:** India's 20% ethanol blending (E20) promises lower crude imports and emissions, but independent evidence remains thin. E20 lowers mileage, so crude demand falls less than the ethanol blended, and official savings are gross estimates that do not net out procurement costs or extra fuel burned. Molasses-based ethanol shows greenhouse gas emissions comparable to Brazil's but higher non-renewable energy use, largely from irrigation. Analysts seek independent mileage tests, restored E10 access, pump-level labelling, water-stress screening, and transparent consumer price pass-through.
- **GCC Builds ₹80.25 Crore Korattur Stormwater Drain:** Greater Chennai Corporation is executing a nearly **5 km** stormwater drain in Korattur across two phases at a cost of **₹80.25 crore** to ease recurring monsoon flooding. The **2.44 km** first phase, estimated at **₹40.36 crore**, is under way with **1.8 km** completed. The **2.5 km** second phase, costing **₹39.89 crore**, will join the Cooum. Designed with CMRL and Metrowater inputs, the drain will divert runoff and relieve Otteri Nullah, though residents urge safeguards against further pollution.

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