

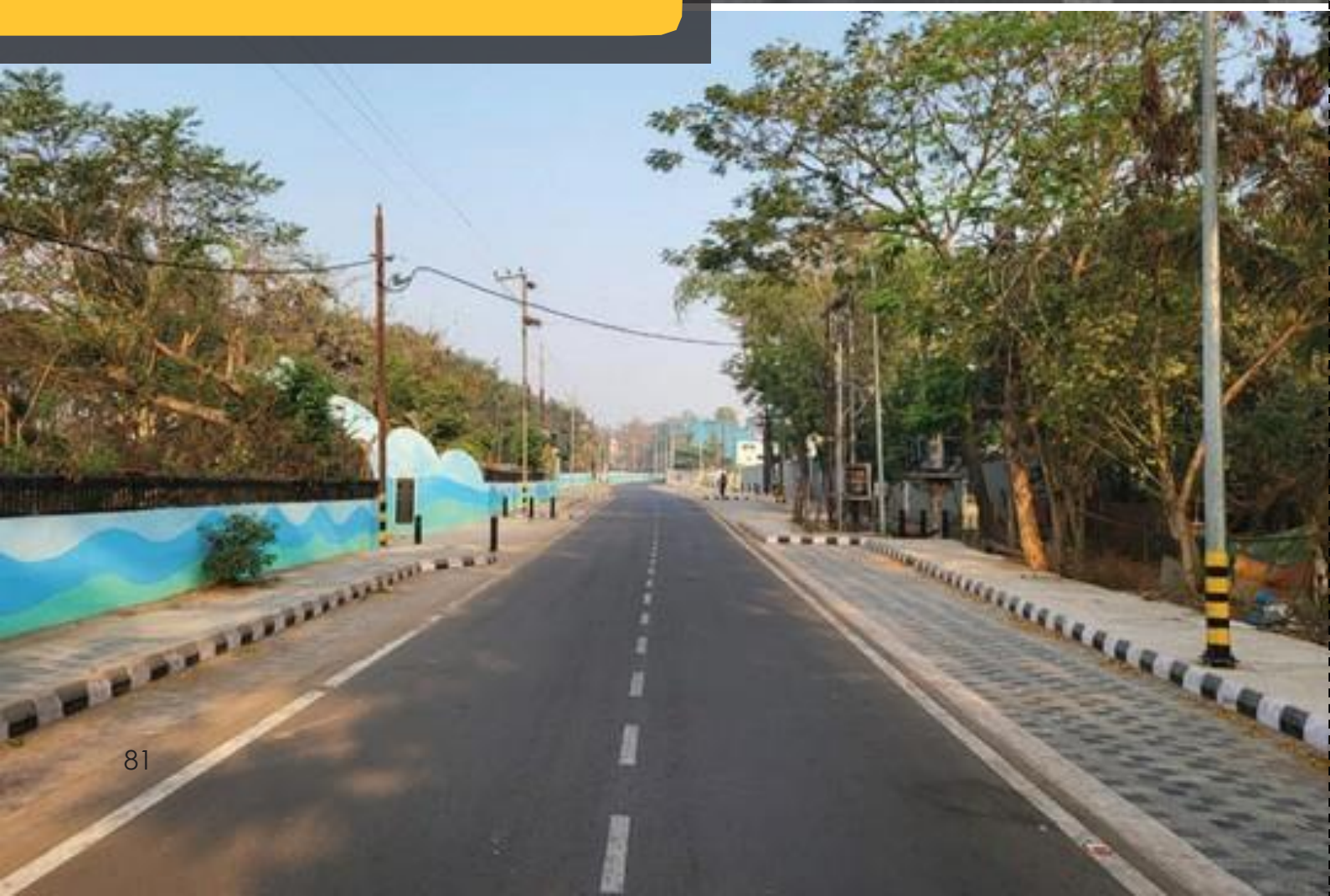
Urban road initiative

Overview of the Odisha Smart Urban Road Execution (SURE)

Good road connectivity is a reflection of how smooth the transportation and trade of a city is. Better quality roads enhance the quality of life and to improve the same, the Housing and Urban Development Department launched Odisha Smart Urban Road Execution (SURE) in the year 2021-22. This initiative was aimed at holistically developing the road along with footpaths, a drainage system, uniform travel lanes, and adequate parking spaces. The integration of these components is to transform the existing roads into Smart Urban Roads.

Scope

SURE has been launched as a pilot project across the 10 Urban Local Bodies chosen by the Housing and Urban Development Department. Bhubaneswar, Cuttack, Berhampur, Rourkela, Jatni, Jajpur, Baripada, Dhenkanal, Hinjilicut and Sunabeda are the beneficiaries of this mission. All these cities are eligible for the construction of a 50 Km stretch of smart urban roads with top-notch amenities such as roads, drains, footpaths and parking spaces.





Key features of the initiative

- A stretch of 24 Km of road, 38 Km of drain and 29 Km of footpath of the commissioned 50 Km have been completed so far, with designated parking spaces. The project will reach a finish line during 2023-24.
- In a move to construct infrastructure where its need is higher, safe and smart footpaths are being constructed in areas of Municipal Corporations of Bhubaneswar, Berhampur and Cuttack where there is generally higher footfall.
- The footpaths are being constructed adhering to the standard 150mm elevation.
- All spaces are being used efficiently, leaving behind no scope for poor road infrastructure.



Plan ahead

- Road with a minimum Right of Way (ROW) of 8 m has been selected to expand the planned approximate 150 Km footpath in 2023-23.
- Project Management Consultancies (PMC) to be hired for works such as technical assistance, field supervision, quality monitoring, and preparation of designs and drawings,
- The State SURE Team and the PMC will execute the construction of smart roads alongside the roads and bridges of ULBs concerned with this project.