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New Delhi: The National High Speed Rail Corporation (NHSRCL) on Thursday signed the country's largest ever government-funded civil contract of Rs 24,000 crore for the Ahmedabad-Mumbai Bullet train project with infrastructure major Larsen and Toubro (L&T). The construction company said they have deployed people on ground to start work.

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Speaking on the occasion, the Japanese ambassador to India Satoshi Suzuki said the contract for such a mammoth infrastructure project has been awarded at a time when it was required to



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accelerate economic activities. He said the project will not only help in transfer of Japanese technologies to India but it will also transform urban development along its corridor.

Suzuki said India will witness Transit-Oriented Development (TOD) because of this flagship project.

Railway board CEO and chairman, V K Yadav said after completion of this first bullet train project, the government will take up more

such train corridors on seven more routes.

NHSRCL managing director Achal Khare said during the construction phase of this first section, the areas around the alignment will witness social and economic development. There will be employment generation not only for professionals like engineers, technicians, designers and architects but also for skilled and semi-skilled workforce and construction workers.