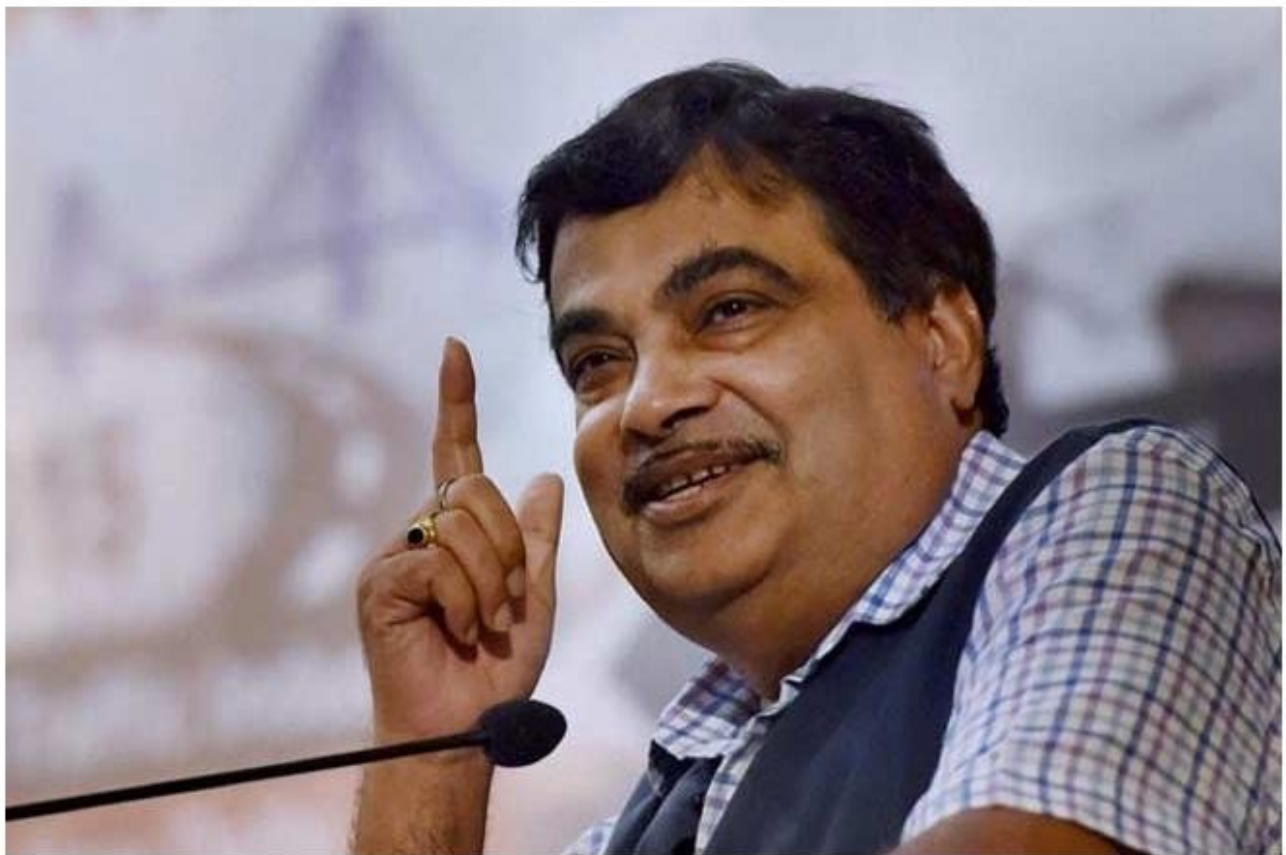


Nitin Gadkari to address maiden convocation of IIM-Nagpur today

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Convocation's live web streaming on <http://estv.in/iimn/>

Union Minister of Surface Transport, Highways and Shipping Nitin Gadkari will be the chief guest of the first convocation of Nagpur's Indian Institute of Management (IIM-Nagpur) to be held on April 14 at 8.30 am at VNIT auditorium. Gadkari will deliver the convocation address. The live web streaming of first convocation of IIM-Nagpur will be available on Friday at 8.30 am on the link: <http://estv.in/iimn/>

The convocation proceedings will start at 8.50 am. The Chairman, Board of Governors, IIM, will make declaration of opening of the convocation at 8.55 am.

The Chairman, Board of Governors, IIM-Nagpur will deliver welcome address at 9 am. Director of IIM-Nagpur will give introductory speech at 9.10 am. Conferral of PGP Diploma by Chairman, Board of Governors, IIM-N and award of scholastic medals at the hands of the chief guest will be done at 9.25 am.

Nitin Gadkari will deliver convocation address at 9.45 am. Director, IIM-Ahmedabad (Mentor Institute) will propose a vote of thanks at 9.55 am.

Nitin Gadkari is a visionary with great ideas and innovative approach, an able administrator who believes in attaining results, an iconic leader for the party workers, a Leader of Opposition who keeps the Government on its toes when in the Opposition; a performer par excellence as a Minister are the words that best bring about the personality of Nitin Gadkari.

In other words, Gadkari is a leader who has the ability to make democracy, deliver!

An indomitable Nitin Gadkari for whom politics is an instrument of socio-economic transformation is the Union Cabinet Minister of Road Transport and Highways as well as Shipping. Gadkari, 57, got elected to the Lok Sabha from Nagpur in Vidarbha region of Maharashtra, a traditional Congress stronghold, defeating seven times winner Vilas Muttemwar by a margin of about three lakh votes. Under his dynamic supervision and guidance, the BJP-Shiv Sena combine won 42 out of 48 seats in Maharashtra, including all the 10 seats in Vidarbha for the first time since independence.

Gadkari entered politics as a student leader of the Akhil Bharatiya Vidyarthi Parishad (ABVP) and later joined the Janata Yuva Morcha, youth wing of the BJP. He does not consider himself to be a career politician but takes politics to be social service - initiating projects for the poor, for the society and the downtrodden. Gadkari has been a member of the Maharashtra Legislative Council since 1989. He was also the leader of the Opposition in the Maharashtra Legislative Council from 1999-2005. He headed the Maharashtra Pradesh BJP till 2009 as the State President when he was elevated to the post of the BJP National President to become the youngest ever party president. He was a PWD Minister in Maharashtra between 1995 and 1999, when he gained first experience to undertake infrastructure projects. Gadkari managed to convince the state to allocate Rs 700 crores for rural connectivity. In the next 4 years, 98% of the total population of Maharashtra achieved all-weather road connectivity.