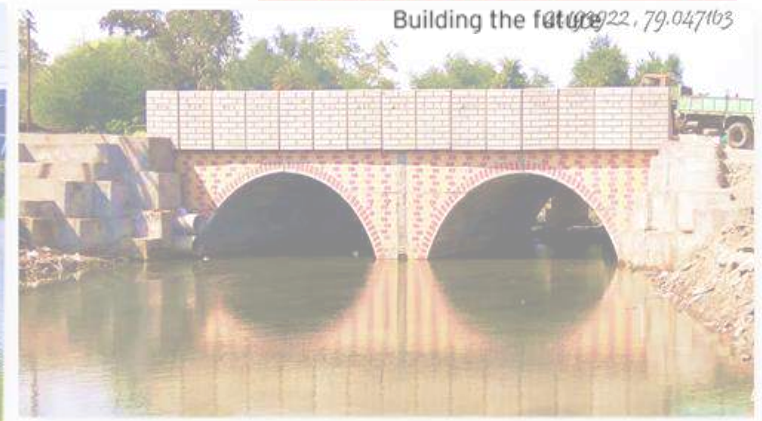


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# MAJOR ARCH BRIDGE, NATIONAL HIGHWAY



**MAJOR ARCH BRIDGE ON KARAD-VITA ROAD (78.69m), NATIONAL HIGHWAY**

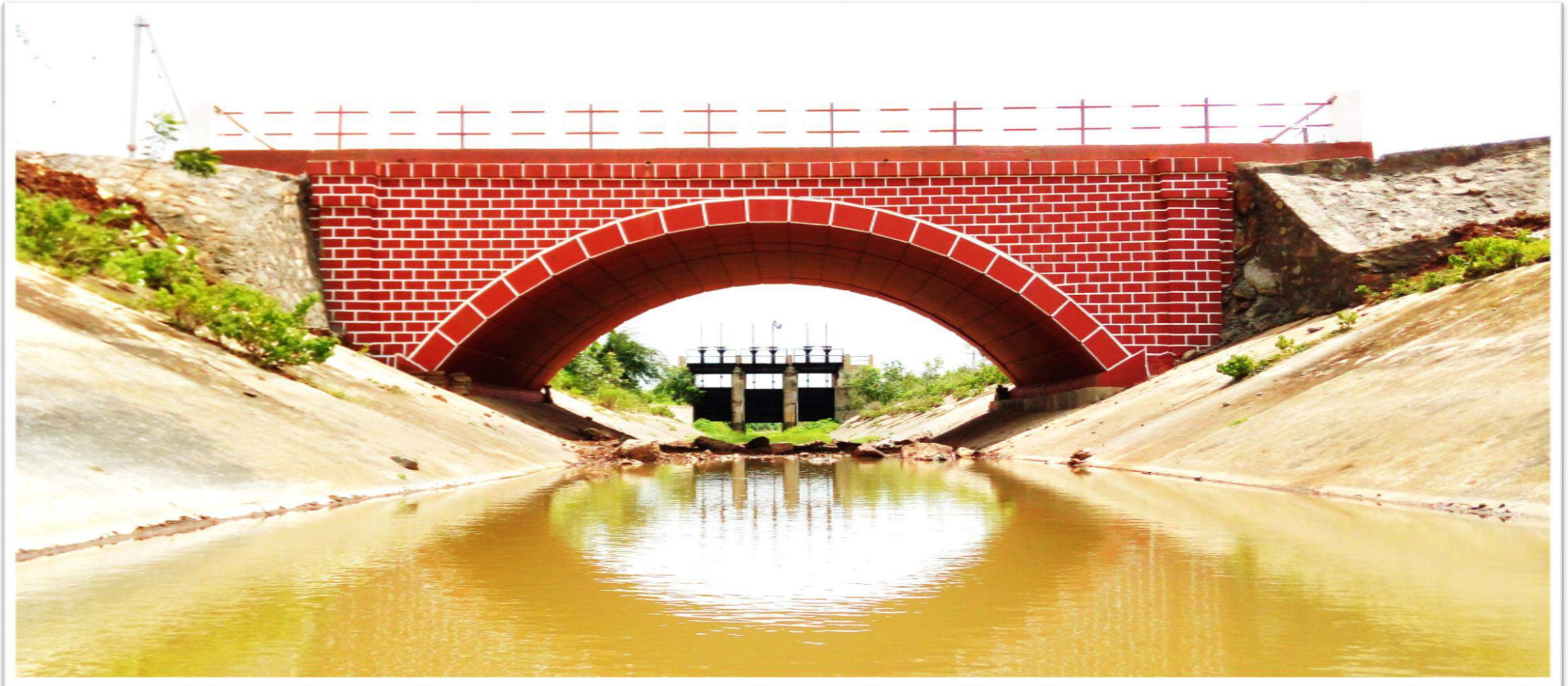
# MAJOR ELEVATED ARCH BRIDGE, PUNE

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**MAJOR ARCH BRIDGE TARALI RIVER (118.77m), MAHARASHTRA**





**Survive 120 years without any Structural Maintenance**



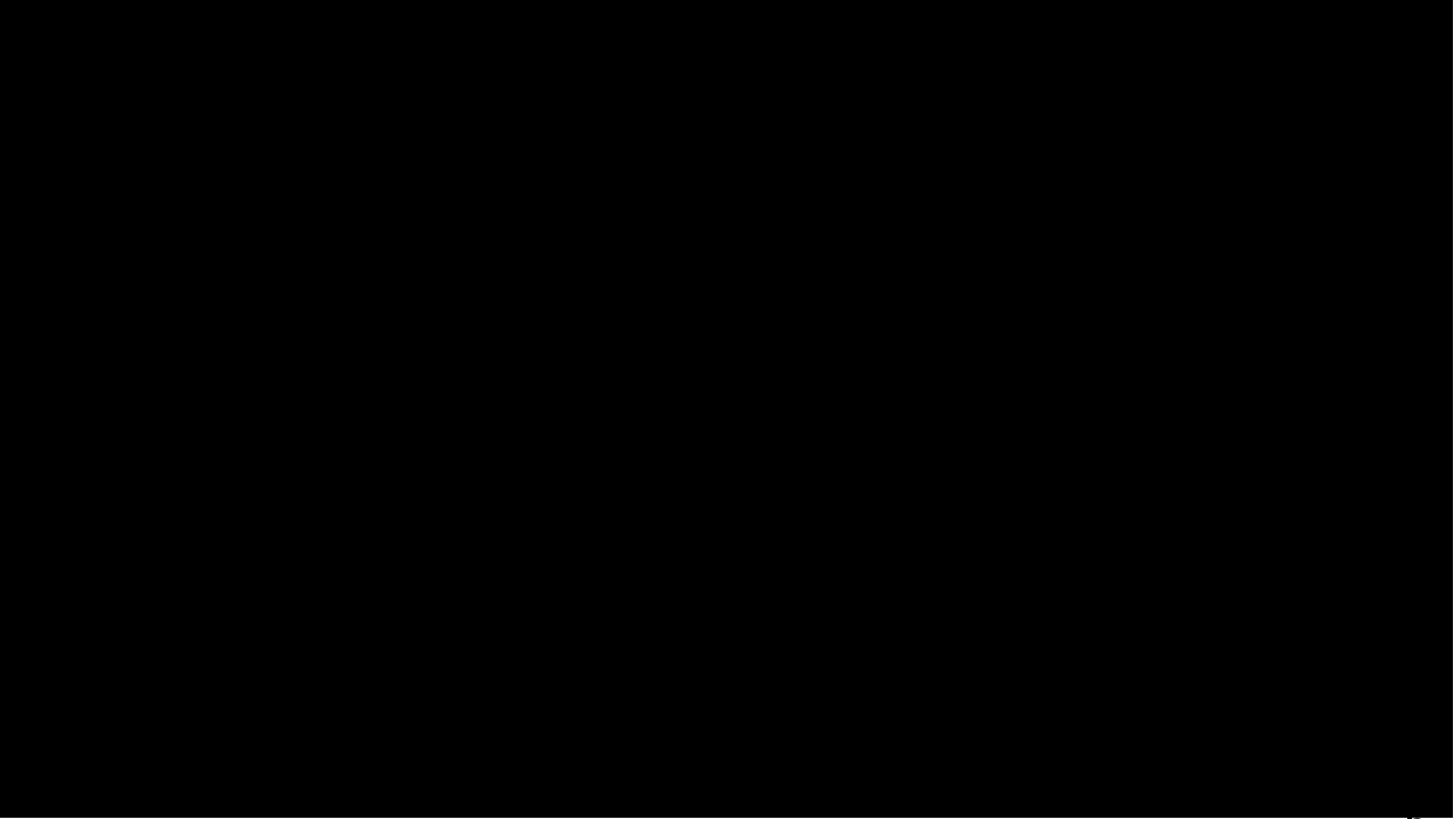
## Six Span Arch Bridge

PWD MAHARASHTRA



**Bridge Length 84m (Submersible Bridge)**







# PCC Piers & Abutment





# Arch Block casting





# Concrete Blocks in Line and Level





## Wire rope for joining of blocks, ready for screed-concrete.





# 60mm Screed Concrete





## Arch Strips Ready For Lifting After 60mm Screed Concrete.





## 3-Point Lift





## 5-Point Lift





## Arch strips arrived on Site





# Pre-cast Socket to Rest Arch Strips





# Socket Placed on Piers





## Socket and Arch Placed on Piers





# Full Lift of Arch Strip





# Full Lift of Arch Strip





## 5-Point Full Lifting of Flat Arch





## 5-Point Full Lifting of Semi-circular Arch





## Arch Strip Placed on Socket, Self Stabilized.





# All Arches Placed on Socket





# Concrete Work as a Spandrel Wall





# Concrete Work as a Spandrel Wall





# Concrete Work as a Spandrel Wall





## Plum Concrete for Backfill (Concrete & Rubble)





# Arch Strips in Skew Bridge.





## Basic Structure Finished.







**Fast Construction.**



# Three Span Elevated Arch Bridge

PWD SATARA



**No Steel, No Maintenance...**



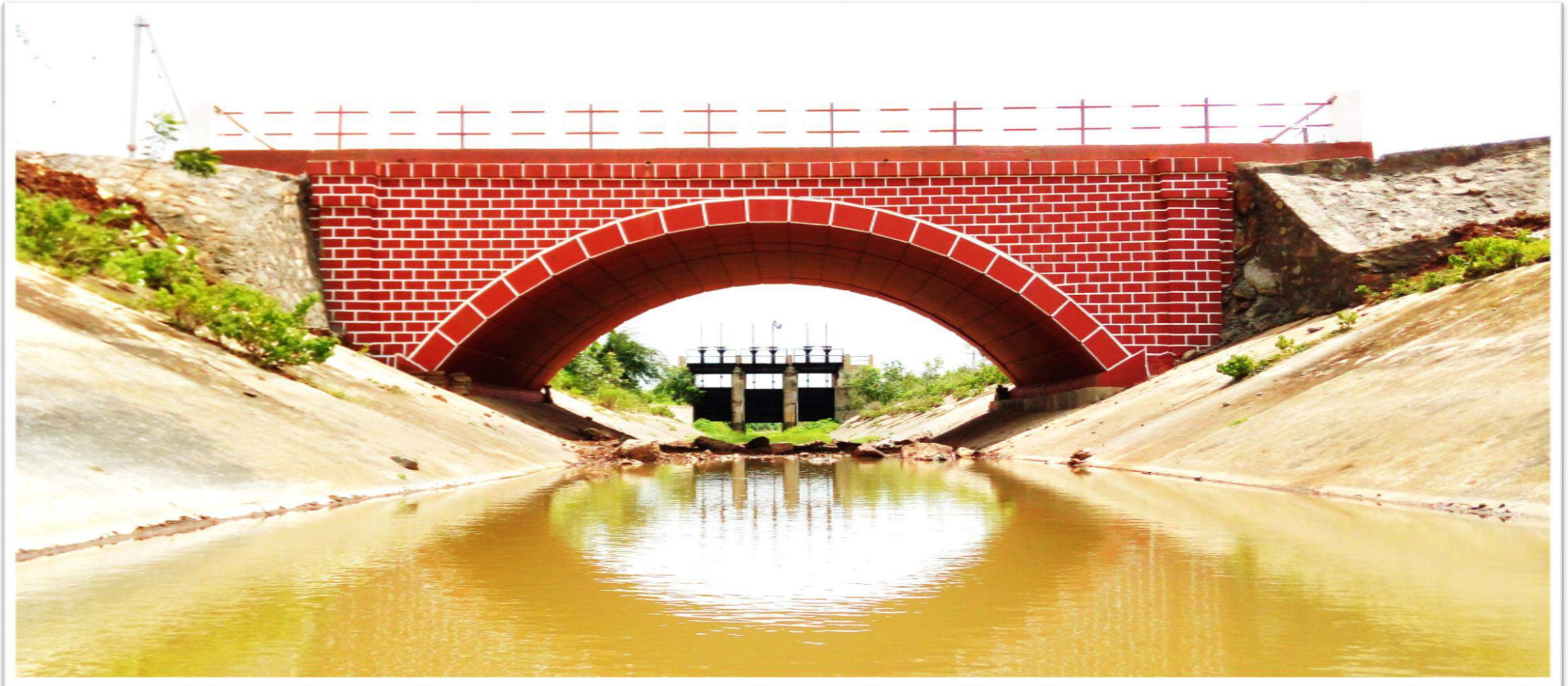
## Two Span Arch Bridge Underpass

PWD PUNE



**Cost Effective than Traditional Slab Bridge.**





**Survive 120 years without any Structural Maintenance**



## Six Span Arch Bridge

PWD MAHARASHTRA



**Bridge Length 84m (Submersible Bridge)**



# MAJOR ARCH BRIDGE, NATIONAL HIGHWAY,

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PWD, Maharashtra



**MAJOR ARCH BRIDGE PUNE (118.77m), MAHARASHTRA**





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# LITHELYARCH® for Cut and cover Tunnels





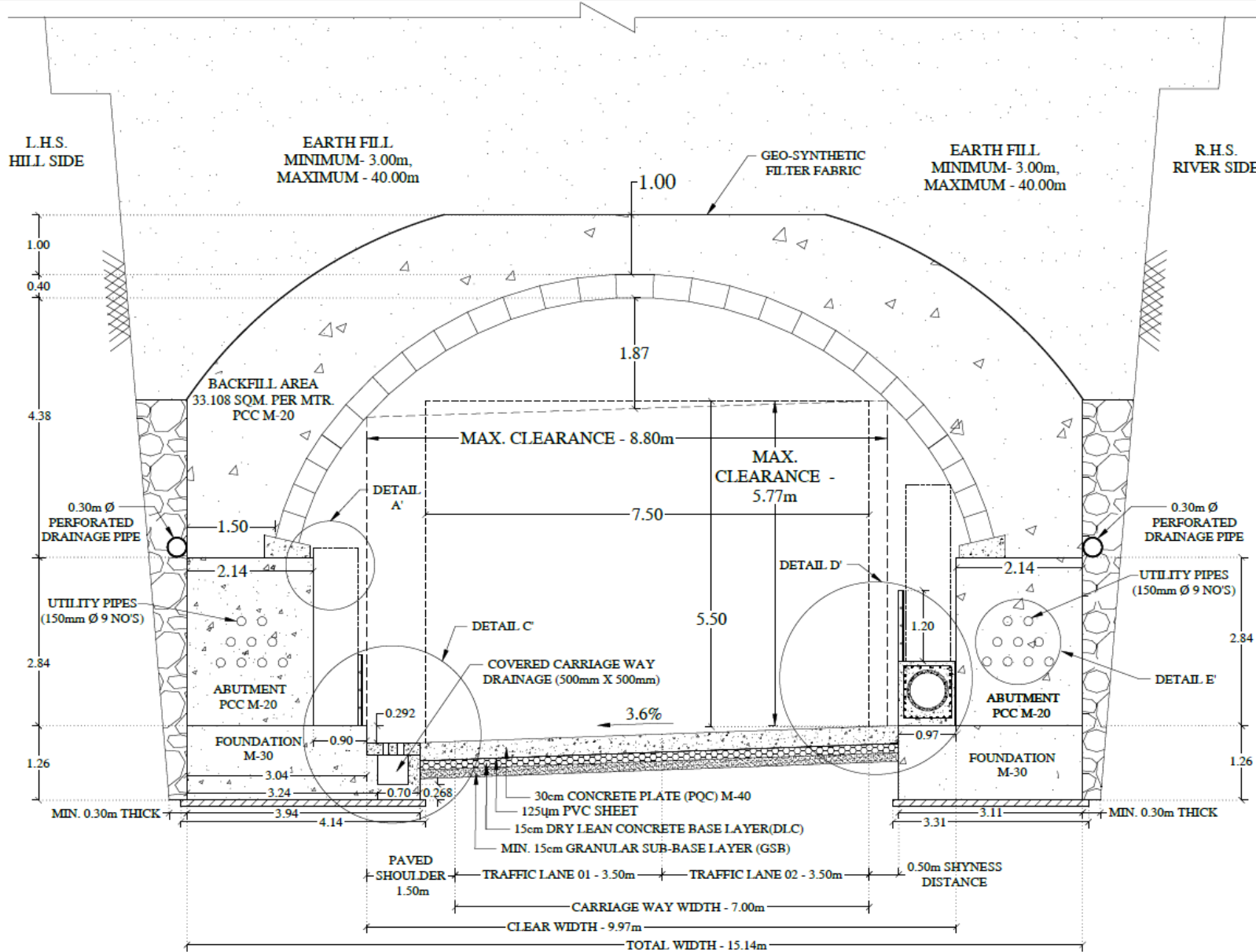
## LITHELYARCH® Cut & Cover Tunnels



- The LITHELYARCH® Cut and Cover Tunnel System is a revolutionary solution to ensure landslide protection and all-weather connectivity for highways in hilly terrains.
- The Accelerated Construction system is designed to suit varying carriageway requirements and has **no-limit to the amount of fill above the arch**.
- The system is already under implementation by the MoRTH in the state of Himachal Pradesh.

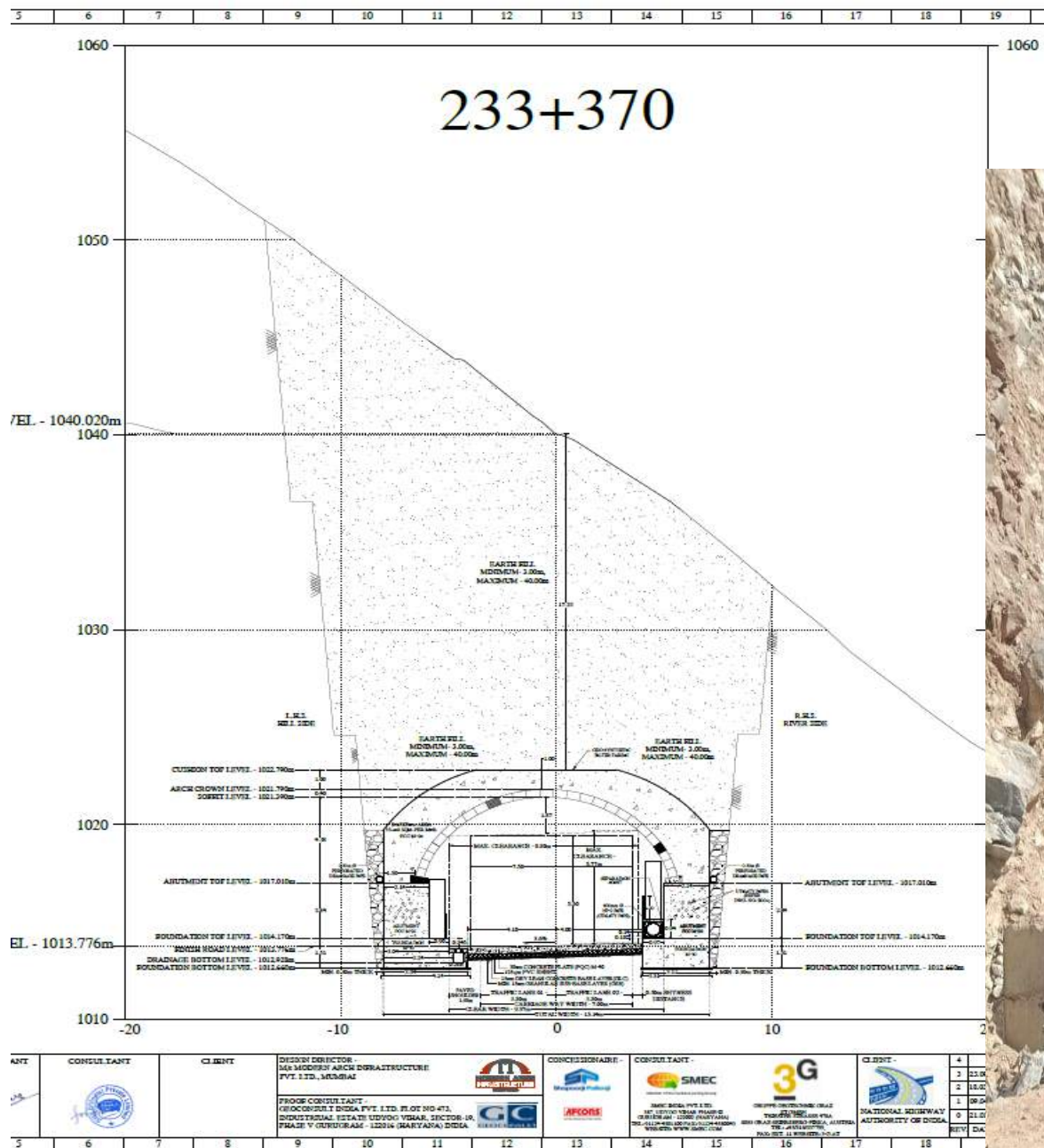


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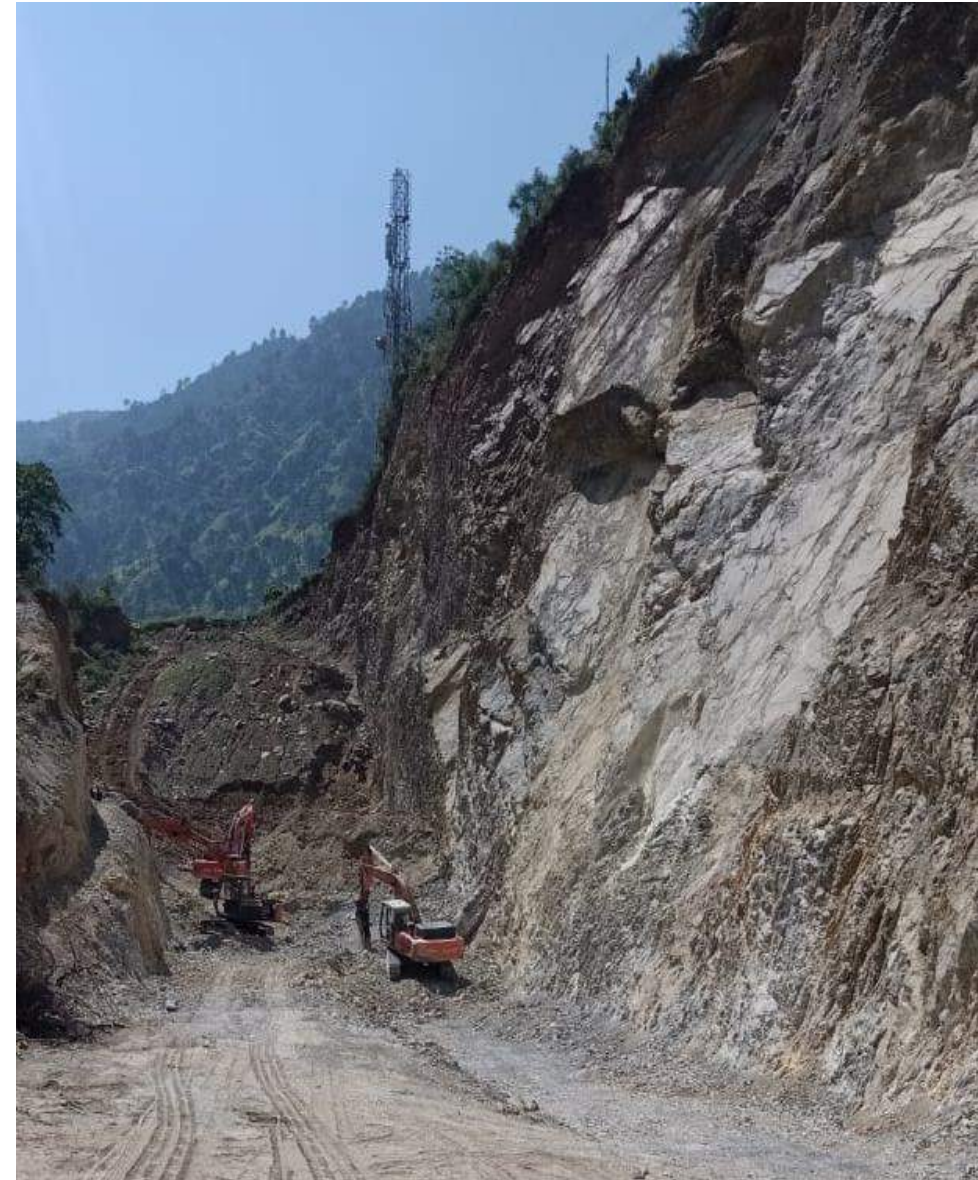
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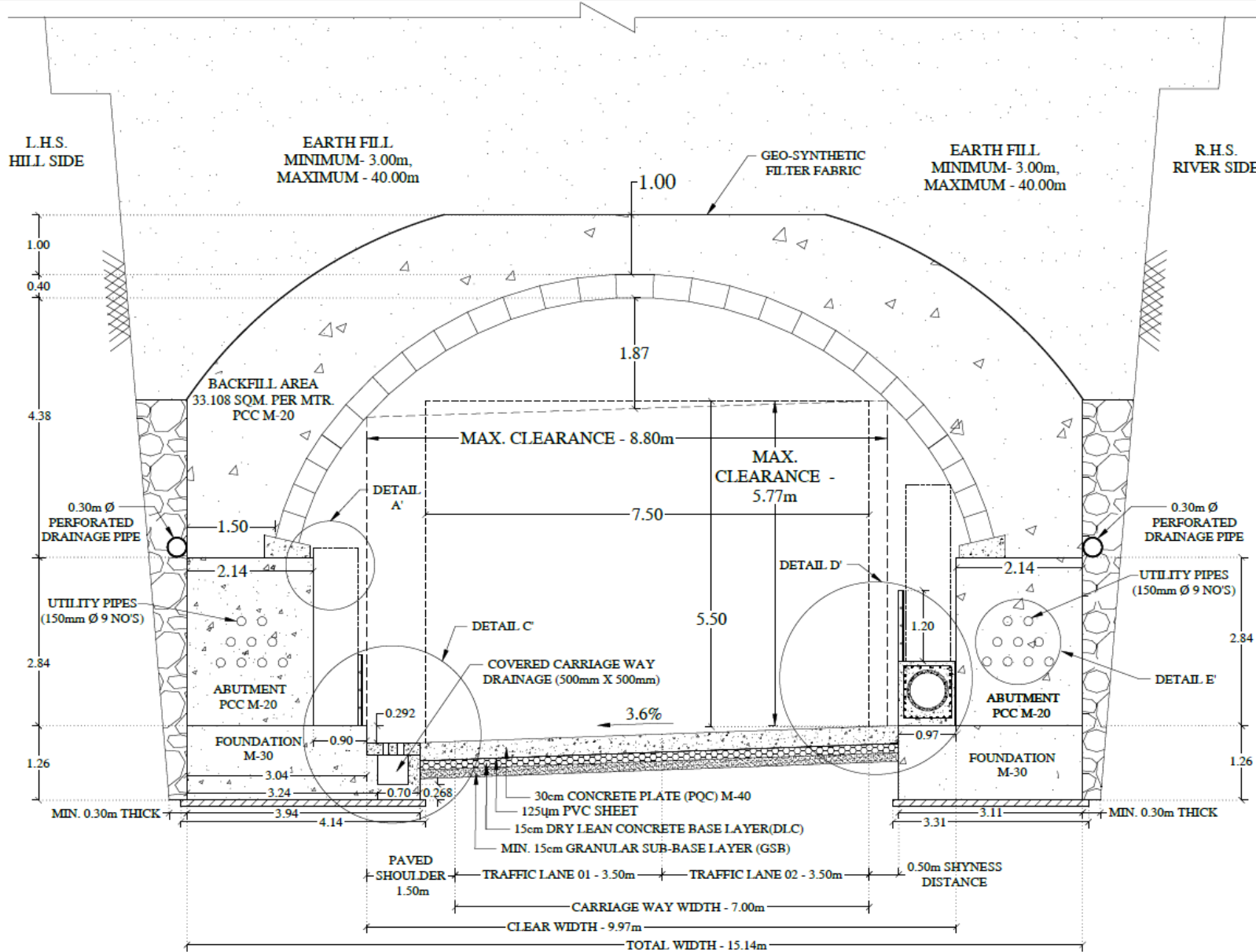


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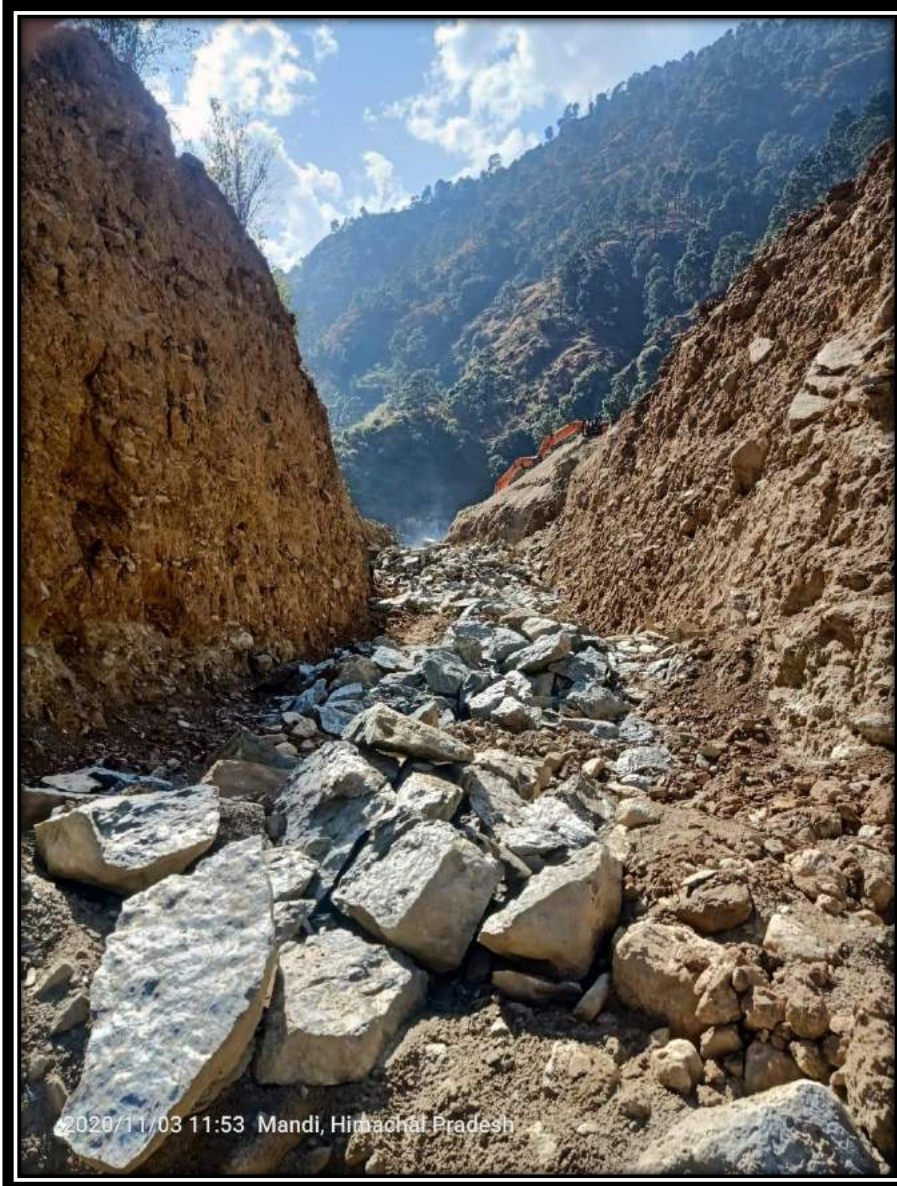


A photograph showing the construction of a large concrete arch tunnel. The arch is made of large, rectangular concrete blocks. Several workers in safety gear are visible, including one in the foreground wearing a yellow hard hat and an orange safety vest. Heavy chains and cables are used to lift and position the concrete blocks. The background shows a steep, rocky hillside.

# Construction of LITHELYARCH® Cut & Cover Tunnel



# 1) Cutting of Hill



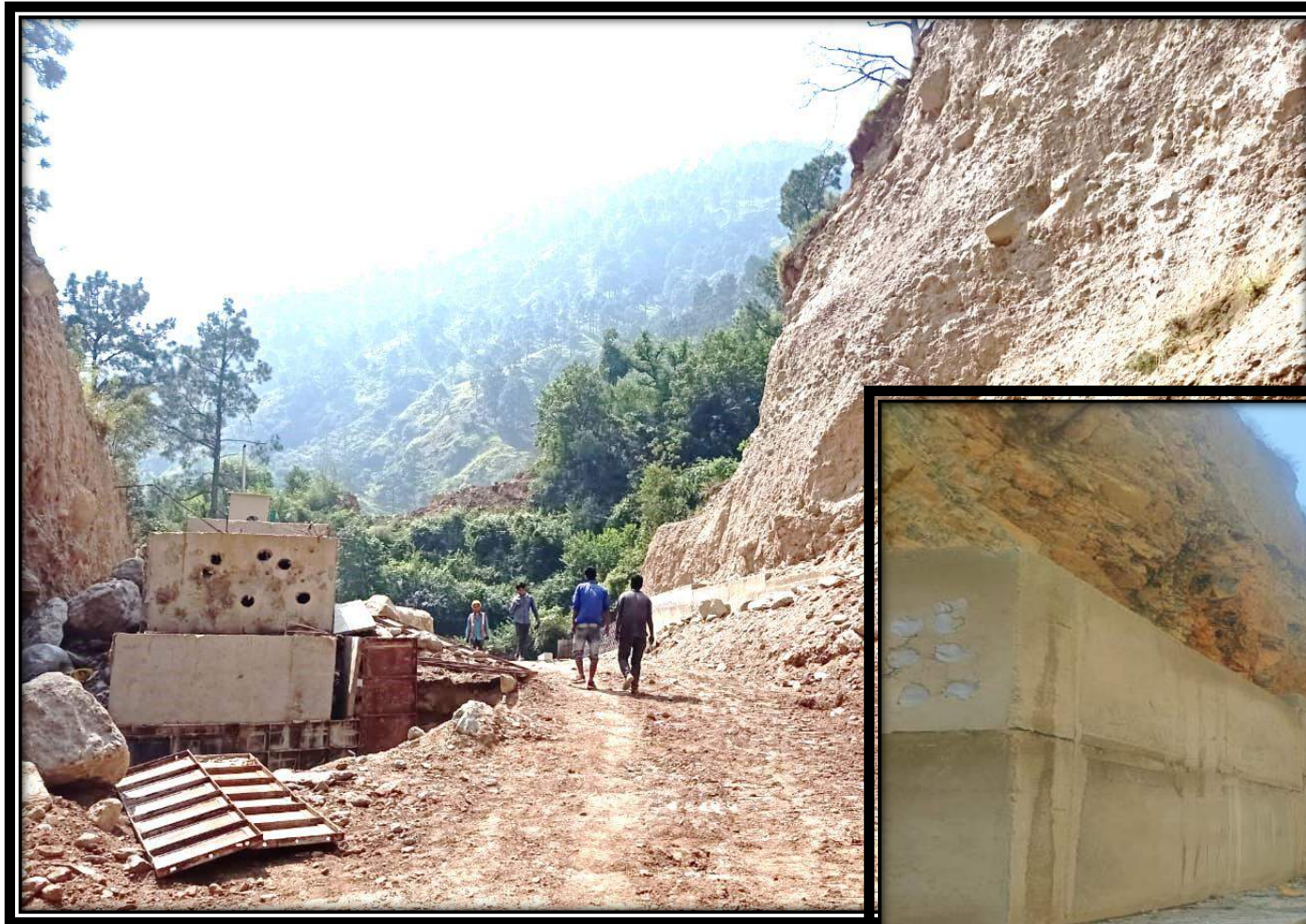


# 1) Cutting in Slope





## 2) PCC Foundation





## 2) PCC Foundations and Abutments



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## 2) PCC Abutments



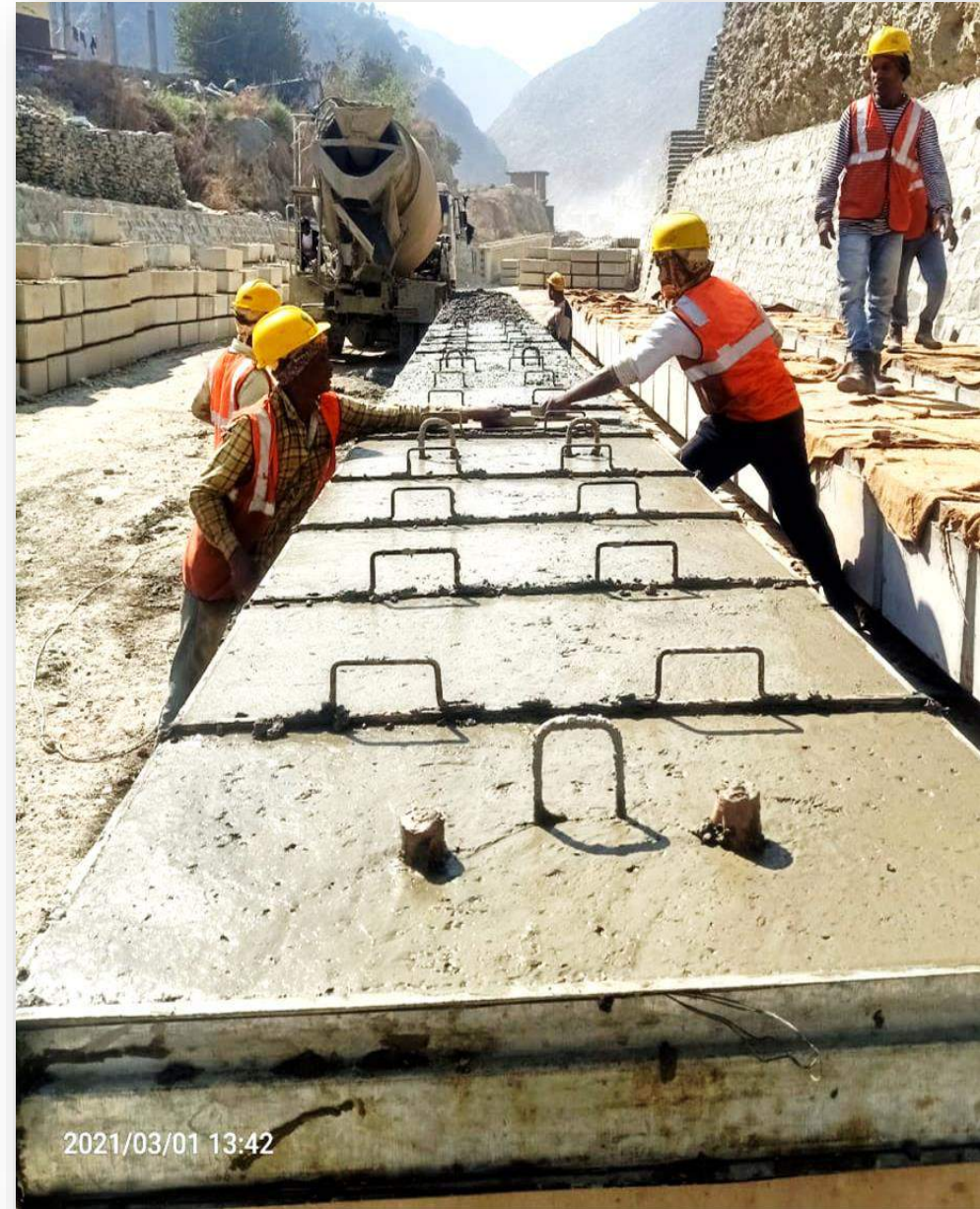


### 3) Casting Yard





### 3) Precasting Activity



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## 4) Socket Placing on Abutment Top





## 4) Socket Placing on Abutment





## 4) Socket Placing on Abutment





## 4) Socket Placing on Abutment





## 5) Half Lift of Arch Strips at Casting Yard





## 5) Half Lift of Arch Strips at Casting Yard





## 6) Lifting of Arch Strips on site.





## 7) Lifting of Arch Strips on site.





## 7) Placing of Arch Strips on Abutments.





## 7) Placing of Arch Strips on Abutments.





## 8) Waterproofing above Arch.





## 8) Backfill above Arch.





## 8) Backfill above Arch.





## 8) Backfill above Arch.





## 9) Finishing work of Cut & Cover .





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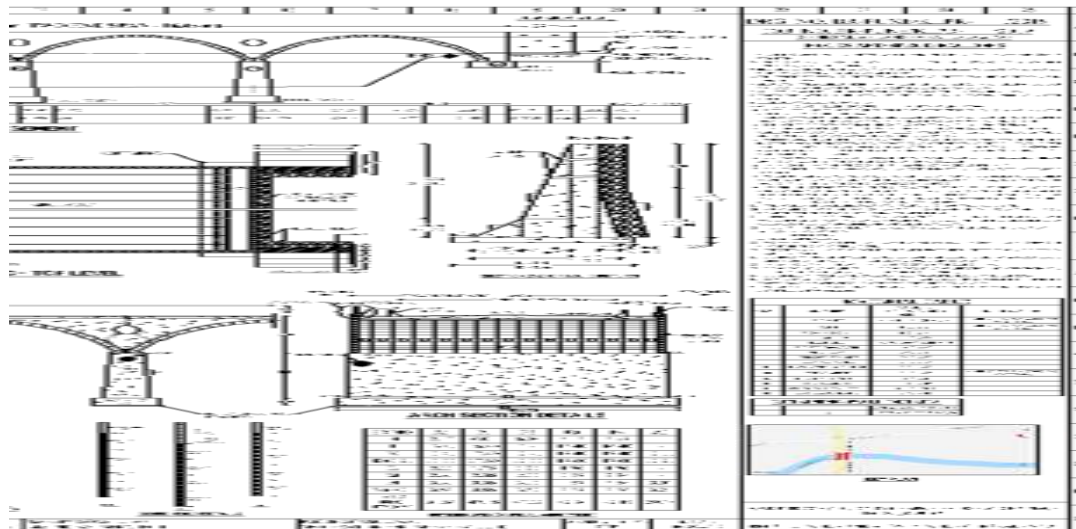


# Turnkey Services for Infrastructure Clients

As a technology and solution services provider, MAI has closely consulted private and government infrastructure clients over the entire project lifecycle. Our services include:

1. Structural Designing
2. Detailed Drafting and Estimation
3. Tender Preparation (Government clients)
4. Project Planning
5. Project Management

MAI has provided DPR and Consultancy services for over 50 LITHELYARCH® Projects



High Level Bridges



# Turnkey Services for Infrastructure Clients

Identifying the need to provide an end-to-end solution to its infrastructure clients, MAI has developed over the last 2 years an in-house team of skilled project engineers, project planners and managers to position itself as a **Design & Build** solution provider for LITHELYARCH® projects.

MAI works as a turnkey solution provider or pre-casting and erection service provider based on the needs of individual clients.



## Turnkey Execution

- 1 National Highway Major Bridge open for traffic
- 6 State Highway Minor Bridges open for traffic
- 6 State Highway Minor Bridges under construction

## Pre-Casting and Erection

- 17 State Highway Minor Bridges executed
- 1 x 370 RMT Cut and Cover under execution
- 1 x Wildlife Overpass under execution



# How have we grown

MAI has developed, introduced and commercialised the LITHELYARCH® Technology in India. When incorporated in 2017, MAI positioned itself as a technology service and consultancy company, however having understood the need of the Indian clients for a turnkey solution provider, MAI pivoted to a Design and Engineering model in 2019.

Since then, MAI has gained significant traction from both government and private infrastructure clients and the company is now focused towards geographical expansion of its engineering services and increased investment in new product development

## **50+ Projects**

Design services provided for bridges, cut & cover tunnels and wildlife overpasses

## **30+ Bridges**

Pre-casting and engineering services being provided

## **Cut & Cover Tunnels**

Implementing India's 1<sup>st</sup> Pre-Cast Cut and Cover Tunnel in Himachal Pradesh

## **40+ Members**

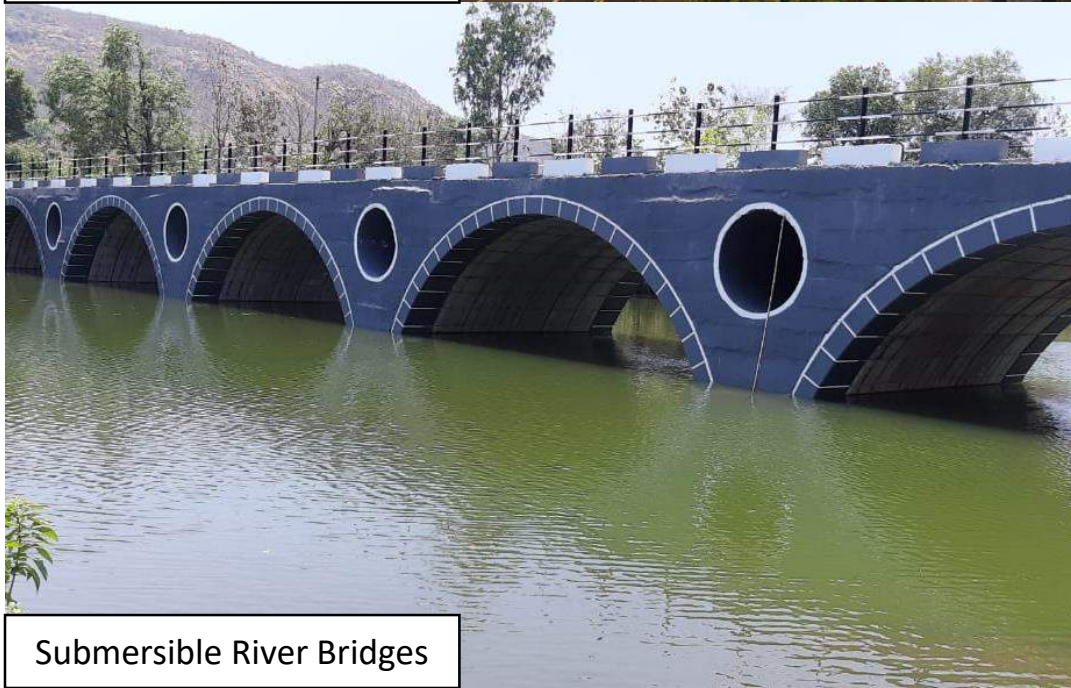
In-house team of Designers, Engineers and Managers







Wildlife Overpasses



Submersible River Bridges



Vehicular Underpasses



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## On site cut section for “Cut and cover”





# On site cut section for “Cut and cover”







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To,  
Mr. Chetan Pawar.  
Arch Infra Pvt. Ltd.  
Nagpur 440 010.

**Subject :** Approval of Construction Technology for  
Construction of non-reinforced precast arch Bridge –  
Lithely Arch Bridge.

**Reference :** Your letter dated 20-Mar4ch 2017, Arh/32017NGP-7.

We thank you for presentation on precast arch bridge design and construction method. This office has studied the innovative method of construction of non-reinforced precast arch bridge, also known as Lithely Arch Bridge.

As per detail drawings, estimates, structural analysis and proof load testing reports presented by you, and after detail study of facts and figures this office accept this construction methodology for Arch Bridges not only in urban areas but also in rural and interior parts of state.

We found this technology is cost effective, easy to construct and have numerous advantages like it has no structural reinforcement, eventually minimal maintenance, design and developed for full highway loading with respect to class 70R from IRC-6. Construction time required is much lesser than conventional bridges. Bridges constructed by above mentioned method has similar life span than of conventional stone arch bridges.

This office recommends to all State PWD divisions and all other concerned Departments including Municipalities, Corporations to take the benefit of this technology for construction of bridges. Cost comparison w.r.t. conventional arch bridge due to topography, type of strata, and Hydrology is recommended to get economical benefits.

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To,

Mr. Raju Shahade,  
Arch Infra, Nagpur

Ref. No. VNIT/AMD/AYV/1563/1005

03 MAR 2017

**Sub:** Proof load testing of unreinforced arch bridge at Gorewada, Nagpur

**Ref:** Your letter No. Nil Dt. 07-02-2017  
Our letter No. VNIT/AMD/AYV/1563, Dated 11-02-2017  
Your letter No. Nil Dt. 11-02-2017

Sir,

This is in reference with the above; the proof load testing on the unreinforced bridge has been carried out during 12 - 14, Feb, 2017.

Please find enclosed herewith the report of Proof load testing of unreinforced arch bridge at Gorewada.

Thanking you

Yours faithfully

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#### 4.1 Percentage Recovery

Percentage recovery of deflection is calculated using the dial-gauge readings recorded after 24 hrs of the unloading cycle.

1. Initial dial-gauge reading =  $R1 = 0.00$  mm
2. Final dial-gauge reading after placement of test load =  $R2 = 1.01$  mm
3. Dial-gauge reading after 24 hrs of placement of test load =  $R3 = 1.09$
4. Dial-gauge reading after removal of test load =  $R4 = 0.95$  mm
5. Dial-gauge reading after 24 hrs of removal of test load =  $R5 = 0.09$  mm
6. Total deflection =  $(R3 - R1)$
7. Total recovery of deflection after 24 hrs of removal of loading =  $(R3 - R5)$
8. Percentage recovery of deflection

$$\text{after 24 hrs of removal of loading} = \frac{(R3 - R5)}{(R3 - R1)} \times 100 = 91.74 \%$$

#### 4.2 Acceptance Criterion

The criterion of acceptance is based on recovery of deflection after removal of test load. The acceptance criterion recommended for Reinforced Concrete Bridge as per Indian Road Congress Special Publication 51-1999 is used for acceptance.

#### 5.0 Conclusion

The proof load test of arch bridge across Pioli River, Gorewada, Nagpur, is carried out for 70R (track) load including allowance for the impact. Total load is placed on the bridge span for 24 hrs and percentage recovery is calculated. Based on the observations recorded during the proof load testing, following observations are drawn.

1. No visible cracks are observed in any part of soffit of the arch bridge,
2. No excessive deformation or absorability is observed in any part of test span of bridge,
3. 91.74 % percent recovery of the deflection is observed after removal of 78.60T load placed on the span of arch bridge for 24 hrs, which is greater than minimum percentage recovery of deflection at 24 hrs after removal of test load as per the acceptance criterion recommended in Indian Road Congress Special Publication 51-1999 for Reinforced Concrete Bridge.

This report is related to the actual condition of arch bridge across Pioli River, Gorewada, Nagpur on date 12 - 14 Feb; 2017. The report is being issued on the basis of proof load test results. The Institute will not be responsible for any liability arising out of any unforeseen acts/ reasons beyond control of the Institute.



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## TECHNICAL PAPER

### LITHELYARCH® BRIDGE - CONSTRUCTION OF PRECAST, UNREINFORCED ARCH BRIDGE FOR MAHARASHTRA PWD AT KOREGAON, SATARA



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#### ABSTRACT

Arch bridges are one of the oldest forms of bridge construction and have been around for thousands of years. Brick and stone arch bridges have proven to be highly durable as most of them have remained serviceable after hundreds of years.

In contrast, many bridges built using modern materials like steel, pre-stressing tendons and bearings have required extensive repair and strengthening after being in service for a relatively short span of their design life. RCC, beam and slab bridges built around 1970s, even though they had design life of 120 years, have shown signs of deterioration within just 20-30 years and indeed many have already been replaced. In contrast, significant numbers of masonry arch bridges are still in service from thousands of years after being constructed. The development of faster methods of bridge construction, such as reinforced concrete, caused a considerable decline in construction of masonry arch bridge in last 60 years. However, loss of strength due to corrosion of steel reinforcement in RCC structures is a growing concern and resulting in increased expenditure on maintenance and strengthening of structures.

This paper explores the construction of four span, precast PCC arch bridge that have been built for road traffic under a Maharashtra PWD (Public Works Department) at Koregaon, Satara district of Maharashtra state. This paper also discusses the results of proof load test carried out on similar LITHELYARCH® bridge at Nagpur, Maharashtra.

The fast construction, low life cycle cost, no maintenance costs and longer design life of arch bridges over alternative bridge designs were key reasons to incorporate these designs in "Type Plan of Maharashtra PWD" published in 2018.

#### 1. INTRODUCTION

IRC:SP:61-2004 highlights that "The past decade has indicated a somewhat different picture with damages due to extensive corrosion of reinforcement and pre-stressing steel used in bridges. There was general and comfortable attitude (false assumption) that reinforced and pre-stressed elements were more durable." Also "Surveys in America and U.K. also have shown that the cost of repairs or replacement of Reinforced Cement Concrete bridges is often more than the original cost of bridge itself."

India is developing country and spending on infrastructure is all time high, hundreds of bridges are being build every week. We must give a thought on type of structures we are building, spending on its maintenance, its Whole Life Cost (WLC), replacement time and long-term effects of those bridges on nation's economy.

The Public Works Department (PWD) of Government of Maharashtra recommends the use of the precast PCC arch bridges and introduced standard drawings with guidelines for the same in 'Type Plans of Bridges (2018)' also states "Precast PCC Arch Bridges Are Preferred Where Regular Maintenance of Structure Is Not Possible, in Coastal Areas Where Corrosion of Reinforcement is to Be Avoided, Requires Fast Construction and Aesthetic is Primary Requirement."

The development of the arch was one of the most noteworthy events in the history of construction. The attributes of strength, stiffness, durability and minimal maintenance of arch bridges is acknowledged by structural engineers throughout the world. In addition, their aesthetic qualities are universally acclaimed, so much so that there are hundreds of thousands of arch bridges in the world, some over 2000 years old.

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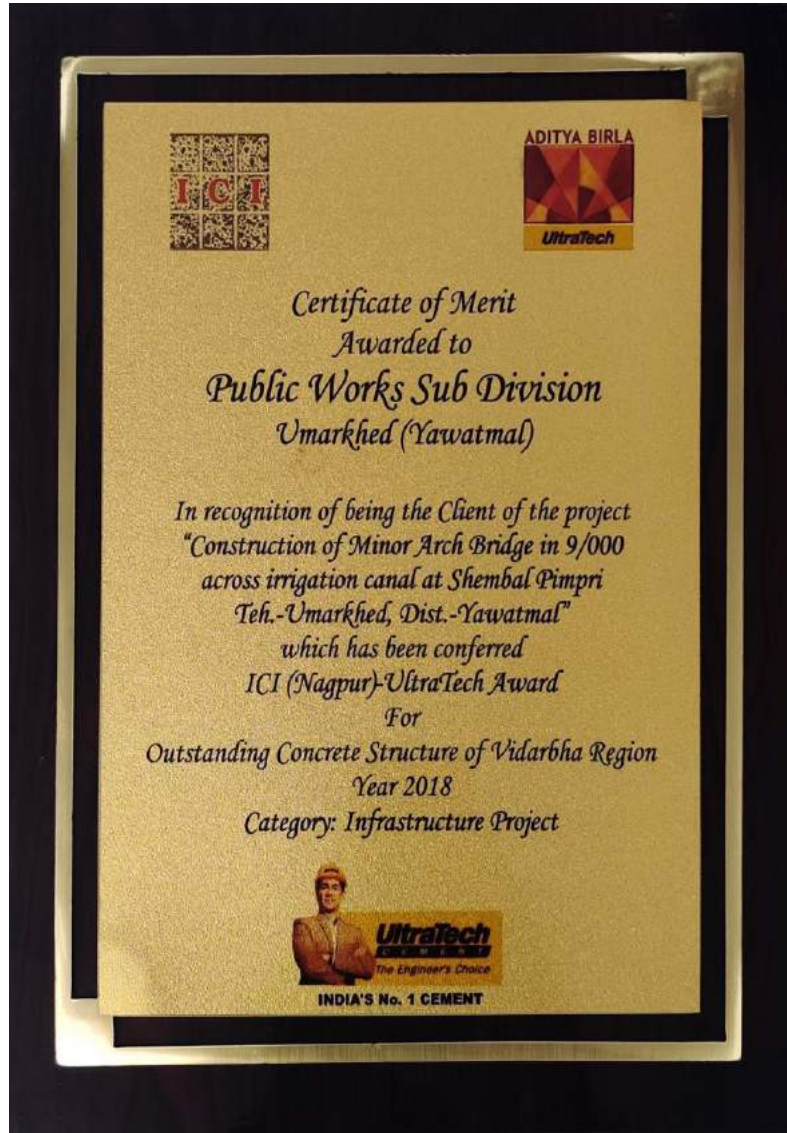
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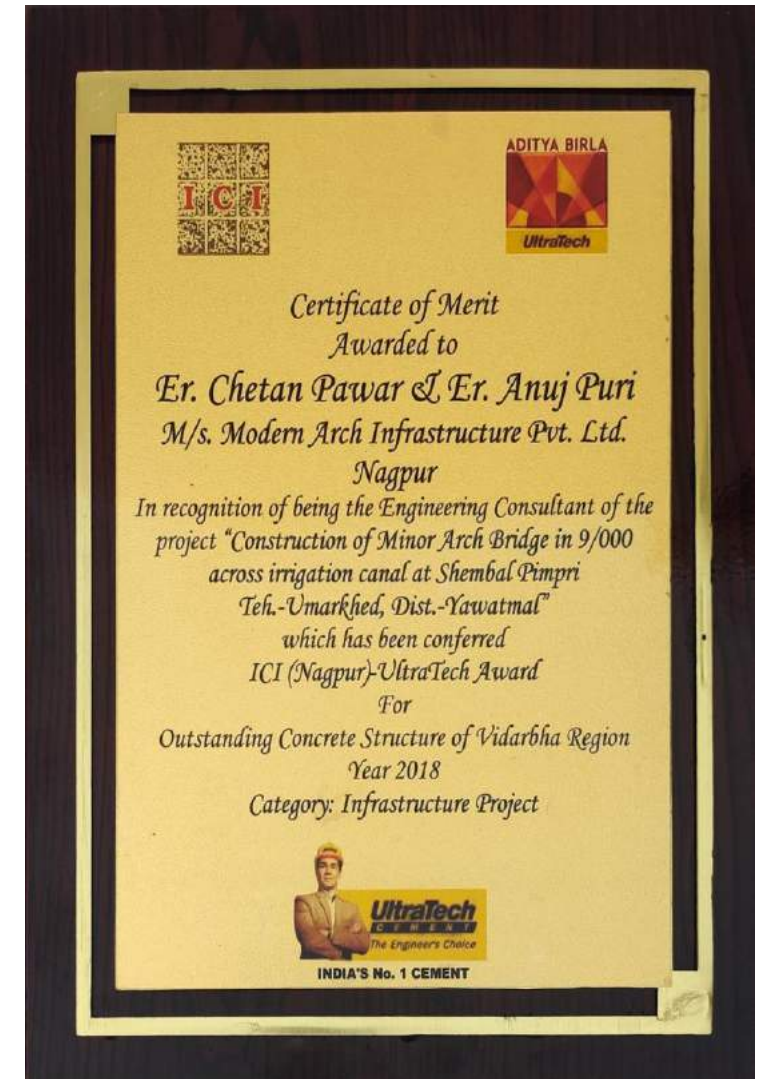


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