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MINISTER GOES OFF STAGE TO FELICITATE DISABLED ENTREPRENEUR

The event saw the felicitation of five entrepreneurs who have made their mark with their startups. Agnish Shishik, a person with disability, was one of the entrepreneurs. When he could not come to the stage, Ashwin Vaishnaw went off the stage to felicitate him and handed him the award at the event.

At Mahatma Mandir, Vaishnaw said that the Open Network for Digital Commerce (ONDC) has potential to become the next UK.

VBA’s new plan to boost startups

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Bullet train completion depends on Maha progress

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“Ahmedabad to Vapi stretch – which is 412 km – we expect it to be completed by 2025. Irrespective of the work in Maharashtra, the work has started, and it will continue in Gujarat... The pillars are already up at a 70 km stretch, where foundation is laid on a 180 km stretch,” said the minister. “The work is ongoing at a rapid speed – there are about 7-8 hours on the route on which the bridges are being constructed. The stations are also being constructed.”

He added that the length of stretch in Gujarat is adequate for bullet trains on its own, saying that the first bullet train in China had a track of 123 km. Vaishnaw also outlined a project for modernizing railways in Gujarat and said that 17 stations would be redeveloped in the state from Nandurbas to Ahmedabad station.

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