



# PM Unveils Development Projects in Rajasthan

## Why in News?

Prime Minister Narendra Modi unveiled and laid the foundation stone of **multiple development projects worth** over Rs 17,000 crore via video conferencing in Rajasthan.

## Key Points

- The announcement came as a part of the '**Viksit Bharat Viksit Rajasthan**' programme and encompassed crucial sectors, including **roads, railways, solar energy, power transmission, drinking water, and petroleum & natural gas.**
- The PM emphasized the significance of the development projects and stressed the importance of **rapid development in essential sectors** such as rail, road, electricity, and water for the progress of Rajasthan.
- He highlighted the substantial **allocation of Rs 11 trillion** in [2024 Union Budget](#) for infrastructure development.
- **Infrastructure in Rajasthan:**
  - For **highway infrastructure** development, various national highway projects worth over Rs 5,000 crore were inaugurated.
    - This will improve connectivity in Kota, Udaipur, Tonk, Sawai Madhopur, Boondi, Ajmer, Bhilwara and Chittorgarh.
    - These roads will also ensure better connectivity with Delhi, Haryana, Gujarat and Maharashtra.
  - For **railways**, PM laid the foundation stone for eight projects worth approximately Rs 2,300 crore.
  - He dedicated the **power transmission sector** projects worth more than Rs 2,100 crore, in Rajasthan, to the nation.
  - He also outlined the **PM Surya Ghar Yojna's** aim to provide free electricity and facilitate solar panel installations in households, particularly benefiting the middle and lower-middle-class segments.
  - The PM also laid the foundation stone for multiple projects under the [Jal Jeevan Mission \(JJM\)](#), worth around Rs 2,400 crore.

## PM Surya Ghar Yojna

- It is a pioneering government initiative aimed at **installing rooftop solar power systems in one crore households** across the nation.
- Rooftop solar panels are **photovoltaic panels** installed on the roof of a building that is connected to the main power supply unit.
- It reduces the consumption of **grid-connected electricity** and saves electricity costs for the consumer.
  - Surplus solar power units generated from the rooftop solar plant can be exported to the grid as per the metering provisions.
  - The consumer can receive monetary benefits for the surplus exported power as per the prevailing regulations

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