



PM Inaugurates Development Works in Chhattisgarh

Why in News?

The Prime Minister laid the foundation stone, launched construction, and dedicated multiple **development projects** worth over Rs 33,700 crore in **Bilaspur, Chhattisgarh**.

Key Points

- **Development Initiatives:**
 - The PM **announced a series of developmental projects** aimed at accelerating Chhattisgarh's progress.
 - These initiatives include **housing for the underprivileged, improved infrastructure** in education, transportation, and energy sectors, and enhanced connectivity.
 - He emphasized that these projects would not only improve public convenience but also generate employment opportunities.
 - He highlighted the fulfillment of homeownership dreams for three lakh poor families under **the [Pradhan Mantri Awas Yojana-Gramin \(PMAY-G\)](#)**.
- **Supporting Farmers and Ensuring Transparent Governance:**
 - He reaffirmed the government's commitment to Chhattisgarh's farmers and women, ensuring the fulfillment of past promises.
 - He announced the **clearance of two years' pending bonuses to paddy farmers** and the procurement of paddy at increased **[Minimum Support Price](#)** rates.
- **Chhattisgarh's 25th Anniversary: "Atal Nirman Varsh"**
 - As Chhattisgarh enters its Silver Jubilee year, PM declared 2025 as "**Atal Nirman Varsh**," dedicated to the **legacy of [Atal Bihari Vajpayee](#)**.
 - He emphasized that the newly launched infrastructure projects align with the long-term vision for the state's prosperity.
- **Expanding Infrastructure in Tribal Regions:**
 - He highlighted the progress made in enhancing connectivity, transportation, and public services in **remote tribal areas**.
 - He **inaugurated new railway projects** and marked the **complete electrification of Chhattisgarh's rail network**.
 - He emphasized the government's commitment to ensuring essential services like education and healthcare reach underserved communities.
- **Strengthening Chhattisgarh's Energy Sector:**
 - PM laid the foundation stone for **[National Thermal Power Corporation Limited's Sipat Super Thermal Power Project Stage-III](#)** (Rs 9,790 crore) and **[Chhattisgarh's first Super Critical Thermal Power Project](#)** (Rs 15,800 crore).
 - He dedicated three power transmission projects under **POWERGRID** (Rs 560 crore) to the nation, aiming to enhance the state's energy infrastructure.
 - The initiatives **aim to make Chhattisgarh self-reliant in power generation** and meet growing energy demands.
- **Advancing Renewable Energy and Clean Fuel Initiatives:**
 - PM launched **Bharat Petroleum's City Gas Distribution project** (Rs 1,285 crore) across multiple districts.
 - He also **inaugurated Hindustan Petroleum's Visakh-Raipur Pipeline Project** (Rs 2,210 crore) to improve fuel supply efficiency.

- He introduced the '[PM Suryagarh Muft Bijli Scheme](#),' allowing households to generate solar power and eliminate electricity costs.
- **Enhancing Road and Railway Connectivity:**
 - The PM laid the foundation stone for **seven railway projects (108 km) and inaugurated three completed railway projects (111 km)**, totaling Rs 2,690 crore.
 - He launched multiple national highway projects to improve connectivity in tribal and industrial areas, strengthening economic and social integration.
- **Elevating Education and Skill Development:**
 - The PM inaugurated 130 [PM SHRI Schools](#) across 29 districts, enhancing education infrastructure.
 - He launched [the Vidya Samiksha Kendra \(VSK\) at Raipur](#) to enable real-time monitoring of education programs.
- **Addressing Historical Neglect and Combating Naxalism:**
 - He emphasized initiatives like Swachh Bharat Abhiyan, Ayushman Bharat, and PM Jan Aushadhi Kendras to support tribal communities.
 - He **announced the "[Dharti Aaba Janjatiya Utkarsh Abhiyan](#),"** allocating Rs 80,000 crore to uplift 7,000 tribal villages.
 - He introduced the "[PM Janman Yojana](#)," focusing on infrastructure development in 2,000 particularly vulnerable tribal group settlements.

PM JANMAN Scheme

- **Launch:** PM JANMAN was launched on **15th November 2023**, a day also celebrated as **Janjatiya Gaurav Divas**.
 - This initiative augments the **Pradhan Mantri-PVTG Development Mission** announced in India's 2022-23 Union Budget.
- **Objective:** The objective of the scheme is to enhance the socio-economic conditions of **Particularly Vulnerable Tribal Groups (PVTGs)** by providing comprehensive development interventions.
- **Beneficiaries:** The scheme targets **75 PVTG communities across 18 states and 1 Union Territory (Andaman & Nicobar Islands) as its beneficiaries**.
- **Nodal Ministry:** The **Ministry of Tribal Affairs** is the nodal ministry responsible for the implementation of the scheme in collaboration with **9-line Ministries/ Departments**, and the respective **state governments**.

PM Surya Ghar-Muft Bijli Yojana

- **About:** It is a **central scheme** to promote the adoption of [solar rooftop systems](#) by providing substantial financial subsidies and ensuring ease of installation.
- **Objective:** It aims to provide **free electricity to one crore households** in India, who opt to install roof top solar electricity units.
 - The households will be able to get **300 units** of electricity **free every month**.
- **Implementation Agencies:** The scheme will be executed at **two levels**.
 - **National Level:** Managed by the **National Programme Implementation Agency (NPIA)**.
 - **State Level:** Managed by **State Implementation Agencies (SIAs)**, which are the Distribution Utilities (DISCOMs) or Power/Energy Departments of the respective states or UTs.

Dharti Aaba Janjatiya Gram Utkarsh Abhiyan

- Originally named the **PM Janjatiya Unnat Gram Abhiyan (PM-JUGA)**, is an umbrella scheme to implement existing schemes across 63,000 Scheduled Tribe-majority villages.
 - Dharti Aaba refers to **Birsa Munda, a 19th-century tribal leader** and anti-colonial icon from Jharkhand.
- The initiative aims to **address critical gaps in social infrastructure, [health](#), [education](#), and [livelihood](#)** through 25 interventions implemented by various 17 Ministries and Departments of the Government of India.

Pradhan Mantri Awas Yojana-Gramin (PMAY-G)

- **About:** Launched in 2016, the PMAY-G aims to provide housing for the poorest segments of society.
 - The selection of beneficiaries involves a thorough **three-stage validation process**, including the [Socio-Economic Caste Census 2011](#), [Gram Sabha approvals](#), and [geo-tagging](#), ensuring that aid reaches the most deserving individuals.
- **Under PMAY-G Beneficiaries Receive:**
 - **Financial Assistance:** Rs 1.20 lakh in plain areas and Rs 1.30 lakh in hilly states, including northeastern states and union territories.
 - **Additional Support for Toilets:** Rs 12,000 for constructing toilets through convergence with schemes like [Swachh Bharat Mission - Gramin \(SBM-G\)](#) or [Mahatma Gandhi National Rural Employment Guarantee Scheme \(MGNREGS\)](#) or any other dedicated source of funding.
 - **Employment Support:** Mandatory provision of 90/95 person-days of unskilled wage employment for beneficiaries through [Mahatma Gandhi National Rural Employment Guarantee Act \(MGNREGA\)](#) for house construction.
 - **Basic Amenities:** Access to water, [Liquefied petroleum gas \(LPG\)](#), and electricity connections through convergence with relevant schemes.

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