

**Curtain-raiser**

- Hon'ble Prime Minister Shri Narendra Modi will lay the foundation stone and dedicate to the nation projects worth over Rs. 33700 Crore in Chhattisgarh on 30<sup>th</sup> March.
- The Prime Minister will lay the foundation stone, initiate commencement of work and dedicate to the nation, Power Generation & Transmission Projects worth over Rs. 26,000 Crore to strengthen grid and increasing power availability.
- The Prime Minister will lay the foundation stone of City Gas Distribution Network and Petroleum Pipeline Projects worth Rs. 3497 Crore.
- The Prime Minister will lay the foundation stone and dedicate to the nation, Railways projects worth Rs 2,695 Crore. The Prime Minister will also flag-off MEMU train between Abhanpur- Raipur section via Mandir Hasaud through remote link.
- The Prime Minister will lay the foundation stone and dedicate to the nation, Road Projects worth Rs 1276 Crore.
- The Prime Minister will dedicate the Vidya Samiksha Kendra (VSK) at Raipur and the 130 PM SHRI Schools across 29 districts as a major boost to education infrastructure in the state, worth Rs. 120 crores
- Griha Pravesh of 3 lakh beneficiaries under the Pradhan Mantri Awas Yojana – Gramin (PMAY-G) will be held and the Prime Minister will be handing over the keys to 3 of the beneficiaries under the scheme.

Chhattisgarh, the "Power Hub" of India with its rich mineral & coal reserves and strong industrial base, is witnessing significant strides in its energy infrastructure. With a strong focus on enhancing infrastructure development and sustainable livelihood in Central India, Prime Minister will lay the foundation stone and dedicate to the nation multiple developmental and transformative projects related to Power, Oil & Gas, Rail, Road, Education and

Rural Housing worth more than Rs 33,700 crore at the public programme in Bilaspur, Chhattisgarh on 30 March 2025.

These projects highlight Government of India & Government of Chhattisgarh joint commitment to sustainable development, energy security, robust infrastructure, job creation and socioeconomic growth. By advancing Chhattisgarh's infrastructure, these initiatives are set to elevate the state as a leading player in India's development journey, while fuelling its broader economic progress and shaping a brighter future for its people.

The foundation stone laying, commencement of work, dedication to the nation of projects and flag-off of MEMU train by Prime Minister will be done in the presence of the Governor of Chhattisgarh, Chief Minister of Chhattisgarh, Union Cabinet Ministers and other senior dignitaries.

### [Ministry of Power](#)

The Prime Minister will lay foundation stone for NTPC's Sipat Super thermal power station Stage-III (1x800MW), in Bilaspur district, Chhattisgarh with a cost of Rs. 9791 Crores. This pit head project is based on latest state of the art Ultra-Supercritical Technology with highest power generation efficiency. The project will supply affordable and reliable power to Chhattisgarh as home state and other beneficiaries including Gujarat, Madhya Pradesh, Maharashtra & Goa.

Prime Minister will also initiate commencement of work (Karya Prarambh) of First Super Critical Thermal Power Project (2X660MW) of Chhattisgarh State Power Generation Company Limited (CSPGCL) with project cost of Rs. 15,800 Crores. The sole beneficiary of this project is Chhattisgarh, which will further contribute to the state becoming self-reliant in power generation for rapid industrial & economic growth.

Prime Minister will also dedicate to nation the three Power Transmission projects of POWERGRID under Western Region Expansion Scheme (WRES) of Gol with total cost of Rs 568 Crore. These include addition of 176 circuit km Transmission line under WRES XXVII and addition of transformation capacity under WRES XXVIII (1500 MVA) and WRES XXIX (1000 MVA).

These Projects will facilitate better interregional power flow, relieve overloading and enhance total transfer capability in western region specially for state of Chhattisgarh.

These power projects will help the state and the nation to attain dual objectives of energy security and energy affordability.

### Ministry of Petroleum and Natural Gas

The Prime Minister will lay the foundation stone for City Gas Distribution (CGD) project of Bharat Petroleum Corporation Ltd (BPCL) in Koriya, Surajpur, Balrampur & Surguja district with 200+Km high pressure pipeline and 800+Km MDPE(Medium Density Polyethylene) pipeline and multiple CNG dispensing outlets worth Rs.1285 Crores. The CGD network will enhance access to clean energy for over 41 lakh people and industries in these districts in the state of Chhattisgarh.

The Prime Minister will also lay foundation stone for Visakh-Raipur Pipeline (VRPL) Project of Hindustan Petroleum Corporation Ltd (HPCL) spanning 540 Km worth Rs. 2212 Crores. This multiproduct (Petrol, Diesel, Kerosene) pipeline is having capacity of 3.03MMTPA.

On completion, the extensive energy pipeline network will drive sustainable development and improve the overall quality of life in the region. The network will provide cleaner energy solutions for households, industries and transportation, supporting India's net-zero emission goals and reducing air pollution.

### Ministry of Railways

The Prime Minister will lay foundation stone for seven railway projects with total length of 108 km and dedicate to nation four railway projects with total length of 111 km, worth Rs. 2695 crores.

Hon'ble Prime Minister will also flag off the MEMU train service between Abhanpur- Raipur section via Mandir Hasaud through remote link.

The Prime Minister will also dedicate the 100 % electrification of the rail network of Indian Railway in Chhattisgarh.

These projects will reduce congestion, improve connectivity, enhance regional social & economic growth, increase the operational efficiency and save on fuel to allow affordable travel for people of state.

## Ministry of Road, Transport & Highways

The Prime Minister will dedicate to nation the upgraded Jhalmala to Sherpar section of NH-930 (37 Km) and Ambikapur-Pathalgaon section of NH-43 (75 Km) to 2 Laning with paved shoulder.

The Prime Minister will also lay foundation stone for upgradation of Kondagaon- Narayanpur section of NH-130D(47.5Km) to 2 Lane with paved shoulder.

These projects worth Rs. 1276 crores will significantly improve accessibility to tribal and industrial regions, boosting the transportation of critical resources and will provide the direct link to nearby industrial hubs of Chhattisgarh and neighbouring states.

## Ministry of Education

The Prime Minister will dedicate two flagship educational initiatives i.e. Vidya Samiksha Kendra (VSK) at Raipur and 130 PM SHRI Schools across 29 districts in state of Chhattisgarh.

Vidya Samiksha Kendra (VSK) has been established in Raipur to support the education system, enabling online monitoring and data analysis of various education related government schemes.

130 Schools will be upgraded with an investment of Rs. 114.65 Crore under the PM Schools for Rising India scheme. These schools will help in providing high-quality education through well-structured infrastructure, smart boards, modern laboratories, and libraries.

Both schemes will pave the way for Viksit Bharat through education by 2047.

## Ministry of Rural Development

Griha Pravesh of 3 lakh beneficiaries under the Pradhan Mantri Awas Yojana – Gramin (PMAY-G) will be held and the Prime Minister will be handing over the keys to 3 of the beneficiaries under the scheme . The event will mark a significant step towards fulfilment of Government of India commitment to ensure access to proper housing for rural households, thereby improving their health, security, and overall quality of life. These schemes focus on inclusive welfare, particularly for marginalized communities, women, and children.