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Union Cabinet approves Rs 6,839 cr for second leg of Vibrant Villages Programme for international land borders

The Economic Times,
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Synopsis

The Union Cabinet has approved the Vibrant Villages Programme-II (VVP-II) with Rs 6,839 crore to develop villages near international borders from 2024-25 to 2028-29. Targeting 15 States and Union Territories, the scheme aims to improve living conditions, provide livelihood opportunities, and enhance infrastructure, education, and tourism in strategic border villages.

The Union Cabinet on Friday approved the Vibrant Villages Programme-II (VVP-II) with a substantial financial outlay of Rs 6,839 crore, aiming to foster comprehensive development in villages located near international land borders.

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This Central Sector Scheme, fully funded by the Centre, is set to operate from the financial years 2024-25 to 2028-29.

The scheme will cater to villages located in the blocks abutting international land borders other than the Northern border, which were previously covered under the first phase of the programme.

The focus will be on select strategic villages across 15 States and Union Territories, including Arunachal Pradesh, Assam, Gujarat, Jammu and Kashmir, Manipur, and West Bengal.

As per the government, the programme's primary objectives include creating better living conditions and adequate livelihood opportunities for residents, ensuring secure and prosperous borders, and curbing trans-border crime.

Key components of VVP-II include infrastructure development, value chain enhancement through cooperatives and self-help groups, and the establishment of education facilities such as SMART classrooms, Union Minister Ashwini Vaishnaw said. Additionally, the programme will support the development of tourism circuits and diverse livelihood opportunities that are sustainable and tailored to the unique needs of border communities.

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Centre announces major infrastructure boost for Tripura and Odisha under PM-JANMAN

The Economic Times,
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Synopsis

The Ministry of Rural Development has approved road and bridge projects in Tripura and Odisha to improve connectivity and boost growth under PM-JANMAN. The projects aim to provide all-weather road connectivity to Particularly Vulnerable Tribal Groups, enhancing socio-economic conditions and access to essential services.

In a significant step towards strengthening rural connectivity and boosting economic growth, the Ministry of Rural Development has sanctioned several road and bridge projects for Tripura and Odisha under the Connectivity component of the Pradhan Mantri Janjati Adivasi Nyaya Maha Abhiyan (PM-JANMAN), the Ministry said in a release on Saturday.

According to the release, for Tripura, 25 roads totalling 84.352 km have been sanctioned, with an investment of Rs 76.47 crore. This follows an earlier approval of 42 roads spanning 118.756 km, amounting to Rs. 114.32 crore.

Odisha has received approval for 26 roads covering 63.271 km, along with two long-span bridges (LSBs), valued at Rs. 69.65 crore. This complements 66 roads (211.14 km) and four previously sanctioned LSBs worth Rs. 219.40 crore.

These projects aim to provide all-weather road connectivity to Particularly Vulnerable Tribal Group (PVTG) habitations, improving socio-economic conditions, fostering economic development, and enhancing access to essential services such as healthcare, education, and markets.

The initiative will also create employment opportunities and align with the government's vision of a developed India (Viksit Bharat).

Pradhan Mantri Janjati Adivasi Nyaya Maha AbhiyaN (PM-JANMAN) aims to cover 75 PVTG communities residing in 18 States and 1 UT.

The Ministry of Tribal Affairs, through the State Governments/UT Administration/departments, has undertaken a habitation-level data collection exercise through the PM Gati Shakti mobile application to estimate PVTG population figures and infrastructure gaps in order to cover PVTG beneficiaries/PVTG villages & habitations under the PM-JANMAN Mission, the release added.

PM-JANMAN has been launched to provide PVTG households and habitations with basic facilities such as safe housing, clean drinking water and improved access to education, health and nutrition, road and telecom connectivity, electrification of unelectrified households and sustainable livelihood opportunities in 3 years. PMJANMAN focuses on 11 critical interventions being implemented by 9 Ministries.

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NHAI to develop 121 km Guwahati ring road for Rs 5,729 crore

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Synopsis

State-owned NHAI plans to develop a 121-km-long Guwahati Ring Road on build-operate-toll mode for Rs 5,729 crore, with a 30-year concession period. The Assam government will cover 50% of land costs and provide tax exemptions. The project includes road widening, bridge construction, and aims to decongest Guwahati, offering improved connectivity to the North-East Region.

State-owned NHAI will develop a 121-km-long Guwahati Ring Road on build-operate-toll mode at a total cost of Rs 5,729 crore, an official statement said on Thursday. The statement further said the concession period of the contract is 30 years, including the construction period of four years.

"Providing impetus to the project, the state government of Assam will bear 50 per cent of land cost, provide exemption from royalty on aggregates and state portion of GST contributing about Rs. 1,270 crore," it said, adding that thus, the gross project cost is about Rs 7,000 crore.

The Guwahati Ring Road project will have three sections which include 56 km long 4-lane Access-Controlled Northern Guwahati Bypass, widening of the existing 8 km bypass on NH 27 from four lanes to six lanes, and improvement of existing 58 km long bypass on NH 27.

Notably, a 3 km long major bridge over river Brahmaputra will also be constructed as a part of the project.

The Guwahati Ring Road will provide seamless connectivity to long-distance traffic plying on the East-West Corridor of NH-27, which is the gateway to North-East Region of the country. The development of the Ring Road will help to decongest Guwahati City and neighboring North-Eastern states by bypassing major traffic coming from West Bengal/Bihar to Silchar, Nagaland and Tripura.

The project will also provide seamless connectivity to major towns in the region including Siliguri, Silchar, Shillong, Jorhat, Tezpur, Jogigopha, and Barpeta.

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NABARD extends Rs 5,830 cr assistance to Jharkhand in FY25 to augment rural infra

Business Standard,
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Synopsis

NABARD has extended record assistance of Rs 5,830 crore to Jharkhand in the 2024-25 fiscal year, significantly boosting rural infrastructure. The support included funds for irrigation projects, rural development, financial inclusion, and tribal empowerment, impacting over two lakh farmers and 50,000 rural families.

The National Bank for Agriculture and Rural Development (NABARD) on Friday said it has extended record assistance of Rs 5,830 crore to Jharkhand in the just concluded fiscal to boost rural infrastructure. This support has significantly catalysed rural infrastructure development, livelihood promotion, institutional strengthening, and financial inclusion in the state, the country's apex rural development financial institution said in a statement.

"NABARD has extended record developmental assistance of Rs 5,830 crores to the state of Jharkhand during the financial year 2024-25... The state has witnessed a 20 times increase in long-term refinance, with total disbursements touching Rs 2,701 crore for the FY 2024-25," it said.

The lion's share of this support was availed by the Jharkhand Rajya Gramin Bank and the Jharkhand State Cooperative Bank, amounting to Rs 2,143 crore, the statement said.

Under the Rural Infrastructure Development Fund (RIDF), NABARD extended Rs 1,988 crore to the state government for critical infrastructure projects.

"Major interventions included two mega lift irrigation projects in Giridih and Palamu districts, targeting the creation of irrigation potential over 28,500 hectares," it said.

Additional projects sanctioned included 396 rural godowns and marketing centres, 211 rural bridges, besides 19 safe drinking water supply projects.

"These initiatives are expected to significantly improve irrigation coverage, rural connectivity, sanitation, health and education outcomes," the statement said.

The bank claimed to have promoted 244 farmer producer companies (FPCs) across Jharkhand, directly impacting the livelihoods of over two lakh farmers by improving market access and input supplies.

Of these, 53 FPCs have been boarded onto the ONDC (open network for digital commerce) platform, opening avenues for e-commerce participation.

To bolster the outreach and efficiency of primary agriculture cooperative societies (PACS), NABARD said it has completed phase I of computerisation of 1,500 PACS, including the development of 281 ePACS.

This initiative aims to enhance transparency, service delivery, and digital inclusion at the grassroots. In the coming financial year, the remaining 2,871 PACS will be computerised, it said.

With tribals forming 26 per cent of the state's population, NABARD said it is implementing 61 tribal development projects, impacting over 40,000 tribal families through orchard-based livelihoods and other sustainable activities.

It said recognising the importance of soil and water conservation, it is currently implementing 51 watershed development projects, covering 58,500 hectares and benefitting more than 50,000 rural families, with long-term benefits to agricultural productivity and climate resilience.

It claimed to have actively supported the off-farm sector by promoting rural artisan collectives, providing skill development, and facilitating market accessibility and said that efforts are underway to secure GI tags for Kuchai and Bhagaiya silk besides Athe Mutton of Deoghar, Sweet Tamarind of Simdega, and Biru Gamchha.

It said it supported 8,963 financial and digital literacy camps across the state, ensuring deeper penetration of formal financial systems and digital tools in rural Jharkhand.

NABCONS, the consultancy arm of NABARD, provided expert services across agriculture, irrigation, banking, and allied sectors throughout the 2024-25 fiscal, playing a pivotal role in planning and project execution for various stakeholders, it said.

Priority areas for NABARD in the 2025-26 fiscal include financial inclusion, credit access for tenant farmers, strengthening the rural financial institution and rural MSMEs among others.

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