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Centre Releases First Rs 25,863 Crore Instalment To States Under Viksit Bharat G-RAM-G Scheme

The Economic Times,  
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Union Minister for Rural Development and Agriculture Shivraj Singh Chouhan today (4 July) released the first instalment of Rs 25,863 crore to all states under the Viksit Bharat G-RAM-G Yojana.

The Minister disbursed the 'Mother Sanction' funds through video conferencing from Bhopal at 10 am, marking a significant step in implementing the new rural employment programme.

The scheme, which replaced the Mahatma Gandhi National Rural Employment Guarantee Act from 1 July 2026, guarantees 125 days of wage employment per rural household annually—an increase of 25 days from the previous framework.

Wages will be paid via direct benefit transfer weekly or within 15 days, with unemployment allowance provisions for delays.

Speaking on the occasion, Chouhan expressed satisfaction over the smooth transition, noting that there have been no complaints thus far.

The government earlier announced a total allocation of Rs 7.5 lakh crore under VB-G-RAM-G over five years, with an interim allocation of Rs 95,692. 31 crore for 2026-27.

The Opposition has criticised the removal of Mahatma Gandhi's name from the scheme and the introduction of a new 60:40 fund-sharing ratio between the Centre and states, which shifts approximately Rs 56,000 crore of financial burden onto state governments.

Priority under the programme will be given to projects improving rural infrastructure, including irrigation systems, water conservation, rural roads and community facilities,

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aligning with the government's Viksit Bharat vision to transform India into a developed nation by 2047.

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## Illegal mining: Home minister Amit Shah orders zero coal leakage plan

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### **Synopsis**

*Home Minister Amit Shah has ordered a 'zero coal leakage plan' and stricter enforcement against illegal coal mining and transportation in Jharkhand's Dhanbad region. Amidst rising concerns over coal theft, Shah directed officials to prioritize CISF deployment in vulnerable areas and ensure rigorous, coordinated action under the MMDR Act. The Coal Ministry will regularly review these measures.*

Home minister Amit Shah on Sunday directed authorities to implement a 'zero coal leakage plan' and strengthen enforcement against illegal coal mining and unauthorised transportation amid rising concerns over coal theft in Jharkhand's Dhanbad region.

At a high-level review meeting attended by coal minister G Kishan Reddy, home secretary Govind Mohan, coal secretary Vikram Dev Dutt, and senior officials from the coal ministry, CISF, Coal India and Bharat Coking Coal Ltd, Shah expressed concern over the growing incidence of illegal mining and coal theft in Dhanbad and adjoining areas. He directed officials of the home ministry to include the coal sector in the CISF's priority deployment list for vulnerable areas.

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He noted that although powers had been entrusted to CISF and Coal India officials under the Mines and Minerals (Development and Regulation) Act, 1957 (MMDR Act), they must be exercised rigorously and in a coordinated manner. Shah also asked the Coal Ministry to review the action taken on a regular basis.

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## Vindhya Expressway Alignment Under Review As Technical Constraints Delay Land Acquisition Across 73 Villages In Prayagraj

Swarajya,  
July 06, 2026

The proposed Vindhya Expressway, envisioned as a key transport corridor linking Prayagraj with the Vindhya region, has encountered an early setback after officials identified multiple obstacles along its planned alignment, prompting a fresh review before land acquisition can move forward.

UPEIDA has been asked to reassess the proposed route after a ground survey conducted by revenue officials revealed that several stretches pass through government properties or areas where construction would be technically difficult.

The expressway is currently planned to traverse 73 villages across the Handia, Soraon and Phulpur tehsils of Prayagraj district.

UPEIDA had earlier submitted the alignment and route maps to the office of the Special Land Acquisition Officer (SLAO) to initiate the land acquisition process, following which field surveys were undertaken.

During the inspection, officials found that the proposed alignment intersects with public infrastructure, including government schools, hospitals, panchayat buildings and other public facilities.

In several locations, rivers, drainage channels and densely inhabited settlements were also found to pose significant engineering challenges, raising concerns over the feasibility of constructing the expressway along the existing route.

Following these findings, the Special Land Acquisition Officer returned the survey report to UPEIDA for re-evaluation. The authority will now undertake a fresh assessment before finalising the alignment and resuming land acquisition.

The revised alignment could alter the list of affected villages, with some locations potentially being excluded while others may be added depending on the outcome of the technical review.

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## Bihar's Industrial Authority Clears 29 New Industrial Projects Worth Rs 6,000 Crore For The State, Allocates 37 Acres PTI, July 06, 2026

The Project Clearance Committee (PCC) of the Bihar Industrial Area Development Authority (BIADA) has approved 29 new industrial projects in the state, paving the way for investments worth nearly Rs 6,000 crore.

Alongside project approvals, BIADA has allotted around 37 acres of industrial land and Plug-and-Play industrial sheds to enable companies to commence operations more quickly.

The latest approvals are expected to create close to 3,000 direct employment opportunities, providing fresh impetus to industrialisation while supporting economic growth across the state.

The projects span a range of high-value manufacturing sectors, including electric vehicles, lithium-ion battery production, advanced medical technology, textiles and food processing.

New manufacturing units will be established at key industrial estates in Bihta (Sikandrapur), Hathua in Gopalganj, Lohat in Madhubani and Fatuha in Patna, strengthening Bihar's emerging industrial network.

Industries Department Secretary and BIADA Managing Director Kundan Kumar said the authority continues to follow a transparent and time-bound process for land allotment.

He added that the state government remains focused on creating a business-friendly investment climate by providing quality industrial infrastructure, simplified approval mechanisms and better connectivity to ensure projects are implemented without unnecessary delays.

Several prominent companies are among the latest investors driving Bihar's industrial expansion, including Ampera Life India Pvt. Ltd., Shri Shirdi Sainath Power Infratech and Rungta Irrigation Ltd.

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## Noida Finalises Revised Alignment For Eight-Lane Elevated Expressway Linking DND Flyway To Yamuna Expressway Business Standard, July 06, 2026

The proposed eight-lane elevated expressway connecting Delhi to the Noida International Airport has undergone a significant alignment revision, with the corridor now set to begin from the DND Flyway instead of Sector 94 near the Okhla barrage.

Officials from the Noida Authority and the National Highways Authority of India (NHAI) reviewed the updated proposal during a joint meeting on Friday (3 June).

According to a TOI report, the revised corridor will terminate at Chi-IV near Gautam Buddha University, where it will merge with the Yamuna Expressway.

A Noida Authority official was quoted as saying, “The NHAI consultant said that the proposed expressway is planned to start from the DND Flyway and connect to Yamuna Expressway at Chi-IV. A DPR of the project will be made soon.”

The change in alignment is expected to increase the corridor's length by around five kilometres compared with the original proposal.

Earlier plans to extend the expressway to the DND Flyway had faced environmental constraints due to the presence of the Okhla Bird Sanctuary and the Dalit Prerna Sthal.

Authorities are now working to finalise the remaining alignment through Greater Noida and the Yamuna region in consultation with the respective development authorities.

The elevated corridor is being developed to accommodate the anticipated rise in traffic once commercial operations commence at Noida International Airport.

It will pass through key urban sectors, including 94, 95 and 125–135, connecting major residential clusters, corporate districts and surrounding villages.

According to the Noida Authority, the elevated expressway is targeted for completion within two years after construction begins.

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