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The Arunachal Pradesh Cabinet approved cumulative investments of Rs 7,834 crore for four Chief Minister (CM) Comprehensive Schemes to be implemented during 2026–29, a major push aimed at strengthening the state's infrastructure, power, education and rural connectivity. The decisions were taken at a meeting chaired by Chief Minister Pema Khandu in Itanagar and detailed in an official press release from the Chief Minister's Office (CMO).

The Rs 7,834 crore package brings together four flagship programmes designed to converge central and state schemes while filling critical gaps in infrastructure and human capital development.

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Rs 2,334 crore — Phase II of the CM Comprehensive State Road Development Plan (CMCSRDP) for upgrading district headquarters township roads, DC/ADC/SDO headquarters connectivity and decongesting Capital Complex roads. Phase-II builds on Phase-I, under which 67 roads and bridges were sanctioned with an outlay of Rs 899.58 crore during 2019–24. The Cabinet noted 62 Phase-I projects are complete and directed remaining works be finished by March 2027.

Rs 2,000 crore — CM Comprehensive State Rural Road Development Programme (CMCSRDP) to construct roads and bridges over three years, providing all-weather connectivity to habitations not covered under the Pradhan Mantri Gram Sadak Yojana (PMGSY).

Rs 2,000 crore — CM Comprehensive State Power Development Programme (CMCSPDP) for upgradation and modernisation of critical power backbone infrastructure to improve household electricity reliability and reduce Aggregate Technical & Commercial (AT&C) losses to 18% by March 2029.

Rs 1,500 crore — Phase II of Mission Shikshit Arunachal (2026–29) to fill remaining school infrastructure gaps, strengthen teacher training and capacity building, and improve learning outcomes via enhanced real-time monitoring through the Arunachal Vidya Nidhi (AVN) platform. Phase I (2023–26) invested Rs 3,112.50 crore in school upgradation.

“The cumulative investment of Rs 7,834 crore in the four CM Comprehensive Schemes aims at converging existing Central and State schemes and filling critical gaps in the infrastructure and education sectors,” the CMO said, calling it one of the largest recent investments by the Pema Khandu government for the state’s infrastructure upgrade.

- CM Comprehensive State Road Development Plan (CMCSRDP) Phase-II (₹2,334 Cr): Upgrading district headquarters, township roads, Capital Complex roads and strengthening connectivity.
- CM Comprehensive State Rural Road Development Programme (CMCSRDP) (₹2,000 Cr): Providing all-weather connectivity to uncovered habitations.
- CM Comprehensive State Power Development Programme (CMCSPDP) (₹2,000 Cr): Modernising power infrastructure for reliable electricity supply.
- Mission Shikshit Arunachal Phase-II (₹1,500 Cr): Bringing infrastructure upgrades, teacher development and improved learning outcomes.

Affirming developmental vision, Centre partnership in Arunachal

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The Cabinet unanimously passed a resolution marking 'Team Arunachal' completing ten years in office under Chief Minister Pema Khandu and lauded sustained support from the Government of India since 2014. The resolution reiterated a commitment to build a "Viksit Arunachal Pradesh by 2047" and pledged to pursue development with unity, discipline and innovation.

The CMO credited the central government's backing as instrumental in transforming the state's development trajectory and invoked slogans such as "Sabka Saath, Sabka Vikas" and the "Reform, Perform and Transform" agenda.

As part of a broader human capital and economic push, the Cabinet also approved the Arunachal Human Capital and Economic Transformation Vision 2036, targeting an up-skilled workforce and entrepreneurship growth by 2036.

The Vision aims to:

- Skill 1 lakh youths
- Create 10,000 entrepreneurs; facilitate 10,000 apprenticeships; enable 10,000 overseas placements; establish 100 industry partnerships; and upgrade 10 ITIs into Modern Skill Hubs and Centres of Excellence.

The Cabinet also cleared the ARUN MSME Mission to revive and upgrade capacity of 500 MSMEs per year, provide market linkage, capacity enhancement and export assistance to boost local entrepreneurship and employment among youth.

Reservation for ex-Agniveers, scholarships and military mentorship

The Cabinet approved reservation of 20% of posts in the state constabulary and equivalent categories for retired Agniveers from Arunachal Pradesh — covering Arunachal Police, Arunachal Armed Police Battalion, Indian Reserve Battalion, Fire & Emergency Services, Mineral Guards, Forest Guards, Special Tiger Protection Force, Forester and Prison Warden posts — to recognise their skills and ensure employment pathways. The CMO clarified that if sufficient candidates from the ex-Agniveer quota do not qualify, remaining vacancies will be filled from the normal APST quota.

The state approved a Chief Minister's Frontier Sainik School Scholarship Scheme to support Arunachali students in eight notified Sainik Schools and the Rashtriya Indian Military College, Dehradun. In parallel, an Indian Army-led officer-level coaching-cum-mentorship programme will help students prepare for admission into Sainik and Military Schools with the aim of increasing officer representation from the state.

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Digital HR and regulatory ease

The Cabinet rolled out E-HRMS 2.0 (Manav Sampada), an AI-enabled Enterprise Human Resources Management System to automate the employee lifecycle from recruitment to retirement. Departments received directions for rapid adoption to enhance efficiency, transparency and accessibility.

To improve business climate, the state enacted measures to ease trade licensing: a “Non-applicability of Trade Licence” notification will exempt businesses holding valid statutory licences under specified laws from needing separate trade licences for notified activities. The Cabinet also approved exemption of 56 items from trade licence issuance to remove duplicate regulatory requirements while preserving oversight.

Legal, administrative and emergency preparedness reforms

Several administrative reforms won approval, including:

- Amendment to APSSB Rules to expand the reserved/wait list for each category to 20% of vacancies (or up to 5 candidates), and extend its validity from 6 months to 1 year to improve vacancy-fill rates.
- Creation of 36 Assistant Sub-Inspector (ASI) posts under the 1st and 2nd Arunachal Armed Police Battalions and special grade designations for senior prison officials.
- Framing of a Common Examination Scheme for direct recruitment to Group A and B technical posts to centralise and economise recruitment exams.
- Approval of the Arunachal Pradesh Advocates Protection Bill (Act), 2026, to safeguard advocates’ lives and properties — the first such law in the state.

Service rules for legal services authorities and amendment to Junior Librarian (Law) recruitment norms.

Disaster response, fire stations and public safety

To bolster emergency response, the Cabinet approved establishment of six new fire stations at Nyapin, Dambuk, Nari, Kaying, Jairampur and Menchuka, each with modern facilities and manpower.

Apiculture policy, drug response mission and public health

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The Cabinet cleared the Arunachal Pradesh Apiculture and Honey Policy, 2026 to position the state as a North-East hub for sustainable, scientific and commercially viable beekeeping and honey production, increasing incomes for farmers and women SHG members through integrated departmental schemes.

It also launched Mission SURAKSHA (State Unified Response Against Drugs, Substance Harm & Addiction), a mission-mode framework bringing together prevention, treatment, rehabilitation, recovery and enforcement. The Mission will implement district task forces, SATARK mechanisms, community reporting systems, rapid response squads and integrated recovery services focused on demand reduction, harm reduction and supply reduction.

The CMO directed departments to operationalise approved schemes and reforms with timelines and monitoring frameworks. It also recommended promulgation of an ordinance to amend the Arunachal Pradesh Fire and Emergency Services Act to remove the words “National Building Code” in line with the Centre’s deregulatory initiatives.

“The Cabinet’s approvals reflect a comprehensive development blueprint for Arunachal Pradesh — from roads, power and education to MSME revival, human capital creation and public safety — backed by a deliberate strategy to converge central and state schemes,” the press release said.

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Goa Notifies 103.6 Lakh Square Metres Of Eco-Sensitive Land As No-Development Zone In Largest 2026 Conversion

Swarajya,
July 20, 2026

The Goa government has notified converting 103.6 lakh square metres of land to no-development zone status in what officials describe as the biggest such conversion this year.

The Town and Country Planning Department published the proposal under the Regional Plan for Goa 2021, with a 30-day window for public suggestions.

Nearly all the proposed land sits in Salcete taluka in South Goa. Chinchinim village accounts for the largest parcel at 47.7 lakh square metres, comprising paddy fields, farms under

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irrigation command areas, rivers, nullahs, ponds, canals, saltpans, mangroves, orchards, fish farms and cultivable land.

Other Salcete locations include Ambelim with 15.7 lakh square metres, Dramapur with 16.6 lakh square metres, Sirlim with 12 lakh square metres, and Cavellossim with three lakh square metres.

In North Goa district, the department put forward 8.5 lakh square metres in St Lawrence, Goa Velha, for zone change to no-development status.

Chief Town Planner Vertika Dagur signed the notification, which notes the recommendations remain subject to comments from the Forest Department, GCZMA and Water Resources Department.

The proposal follows a series of protective designations throughout 2026. In June, the government issued a notification declaring 1.13 crore square metres of eco-sensitive land across the state as no-development zones, covering areas including Carmona, Varca, and multiple villages in both North and South Goa.

Earlier in May, over 82 lakh square metres of hill slopes and mounds received similar protection.

Town and Country Planning Minister Vishwajit Rane, who chairs the State Town and Country Planning Board, has overseen the environmental conservation drive.

The government has also directed the department not to issue no-objection certificates for property sales in private forests, eco-sensitive areas, salt pans, khazan lands and paddy fields, whilst filing an affidavit before the Supreme Court seeking protection for 554 survey numbers.

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Centre Proposes Mandatory Star Ratings For Large Buildings To Promote Energy-Efficient Construction

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The government has reportedly proposed mandatory energy ratings for all new commercial and residential buildings with a built-up area of 20,000 square metres or more.

The Ministry of Power released a draft notification proposing mandatory energy ratings for large commercial, office, and residential buildings across India, aiming to improve energy efficiency, encourage sustainable construction, and create a uniform national framework for evaluating the performance of buildings.

The proposed rules have been issued under the Energy Conservation Act, 2001, following amendments made to the Act in 2022, and replace the existing Energy Conservation Building Code (ECBC) with the Energy Conservation and Sustainable Building Code (ECSBC).

Every eligible building will have to achieve at least a three-star BEE Rating or the equivalent minimum rating under other approved certification systems.

Existing rating agencies such as GRIHA, IGBC, LEED, and GEM will be recognised after registration with BEE.

The proposal comes as India's building sector is one of the fastest-growing consumers of electricity due to rapid urbanisation and infrastructure development.

Different green building certification systems currently follow different assessment methods, making it difficult to compare energy performance across buildings.

The proposed mandatory ratings are expected to encourage developers and building owners to incorporate energy-efficient materials, advanced HVAC systems, improved insulation, smart lighting, renewable energy integration, and other sustainable design features from the planning stage itself, which can help reduce operational energy consumption, lower carbon emissions, and improve long-term cost savings.

Under the proposal, the building owner or occupier will have to display the energy rating prominently at the building premises, and the rating must also appear in advertisements, brochures, and promotional material so that buyers, tenants, and investors can easily know the building's energy performance before making decisions.

The draft notification proposes registration charges of Rs 1 lakh for commercial and office buildings, with Rs 50,000 for renewal, and ratings will remain valid for 10 years, after which renewal will be required.

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The Bureau of Energy Efficiency has invited public comments on the draft notification before the rules are finalised.

The Bureau of Energy Efficiency may conduct inspections or sample verification of rated buildings.

The proposed framework seeks to create a single, transparent, and nationally harmonised rating system that promotes energy-efficient construction, improves consumer awareness, and supports India's climate and sustainability goals.

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Mumbai Metro Line 5: Kasheli Depot near Thane sees rapid progress – Check key facilities

The Hindu Business Line,
July 20, 2026

Kasheli Depot for Mumbai Metro Line 5 is 23% complete, supporting safe and reliable train operations across Thane, Kalyan, Bhiwandi, and Ulhasnagar with advanced maintenance and inspection facilities.



Metro trains will undergo routine inspections and repair work at Kasheli before returning to passenger service. (Photo source: X@MMRDAOOfficial)

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Commuters in Thane, Kalyan, Bhiwandi and Ulhasnagar have moved a step closer to getting a new Metro connection, with Kasheli Depot for [Mumbai Metro](#) Line 5 reaching 23% completion as of June 2026.

The depot will support the operation of trains on the 32-km Thane-Bhiwandi-Kalyan-Ulhasnagar corridor. Although passengers will not use the facility directly, the inspections, repairs, testing and train parking carried out there will be crucial for delivering safe and reliable services.

How will the depot benefit the passengers?

Metro trains will undergo routine inspections and repair work at Kasheli before returning to passenger service. The depot is being constructed to accommodate around 30 trainsets. It will also help in supporting the corridor as services are introduced and expanded.

A test track will be utilised to inspect trains before deployment, while the Depot Control Centre will coordinate train movements within the facility. These arrangements will provide technical support required to keep trains available for service. It will also handle maintenance-related issues.

MMRDA termed Kasheli Depot as the “operational backbone” of Metro Line 5 and stated that it would support “safe, efficient and reliable” services across the four urban centres.

Temporary inspection, testing and commissioning facilities are also being constructed to support the phased roll out and early operational readiness of the line.

What facilities will the depot have?

The Kasheli Depot is being built over approximately 27 hectares near the Kasheli Toll Plaza. Its facilities will consist of:

- Workshop line for repairs and maintenance
- Inspection bays for routine train checks
- A test track to examine trains before deployment
- Parking area for around 30 trainsets
- A Depot Control Centre to coordinate movements
- Utility infrastructure and advanced maintenance systems
- Administrative buildings and staff quarters

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Depot to support connectivity across four cities

Chief Minister Devendra Fadnavis stated the depot shows Maharashtra's commitment to developing "modern and reliable public transport infrastructure".

"Metro Line 5 will boost connectivity across Thane, Kalyan, Bhiwandi, Ulhasnagar while advancing our vision of a developed, well-connected Maharashtra," Fadnavis stated, as per MMRDA.

Difficult soil requires specialised treatment

MMRDA stated the construction has challenging marine clay soil, which must be strengthened to support heavy infrastructure. Advanced ground-improvement techniques are being used in consultation with IIT Bombay to ensure the depot's long-term structural stability.

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Chennai Metro Phase-2 moves ahead as CMRL completes key construction milestones; next phase to begin soon

The Financial Express,
July 20, 2026

Chennai Metro Rail Limited (CMRL) completes 100% piling and casts all 582 U-girders on Phase-2 Corridor-3 (Madhavaram-SIPCOT) along OMR, advancing Metro construction amid heavy traffic.

Chennai Metro-Phase-2 - CMRL stated that the completion of the foundation work along the busy OMR corridor required round-the clock operations and carefully planned, stage-wise construction to minimise inconvenience to commuters. (Photo source: @cmrlofficial)

The Chennai Metro Rail Limited (CMRL) has announced two major construction milestones for Phase-2 Corridor-3 (Madhavaram-SIPCOT). The metro agency stated that it has completed 100% of the piling work and U-girder casting on the Old Mahabalipuram Road (OMR) stretch.

According to CMRL, the milestones were achieved under Contract Package C3/EV-01, being executed by Larsen & Toubro (L&T). The completed works cover the section between Nehru Nagar and Sholinganallur, a key part of Chennai's IT corridor.

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“Chennai Metro Rail Limited has reached two major construction milestones on Corridor-3...successfully completing 100% of the piling works, totalling 3,066 piles between Nehru Nagar and Sholinganallur along Old Mahabalipuram Road (OMR),” CMRL mentioned in a post on X.

Construction carried out amid heavy traffic

CMRL stated that the completion of the foundation work along the busy OMR corridor required round-the clock operations and carefully planned, stage-wise construction to minimise inconvenience to commuters.

The metro agency also stated that one of the biggest challenges was carrying out construction at the busy Thoraipakkam and Sholinganallur junctions. At present, Metro stations are being integrated with TNRCD flyovers while ensuring uninterrupted traffic movement.

According to CMRL, engineers also handled difficult hard rock formations near Sholinganallur by developing specialised equipment and adopting optimised construction methods.

582 U-girders cast for the corridor

Alongside the piling milestone, CMRL announced that all 582 precast prestressed U-girders required for the corridor have also been cast.

The metro agency stated the U-girders, used for the elevated viaduct and station structures, were manufactured at a dedicated casting facility established by L&T at Semmancheri.

“This achievement, combined with the completion of all piling works, marks a major step toward delivering Chennai Metro Phase-2 Corridor on schedule, ultimately providing safer, sustainable urban transit and more reliable along the OMR corridor,” CMRL stated.

CMRL also said that it remains committed to delivering the project safely while keeping public inconvenience to a minimum.

Chennai Metro Phase-2 Project progress so far

–100% piling work completed between Nehru Nagar and Sholinganallur.

-The work is part of Corridor-3 (Madhavaram-SPICOT) under Chennai Metro Phase-2.

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- All 582 U-girders needed for the corridor have been cast.
- The project is being executed by Larsen & Toubro (L&T).
- CMRL stated the project has moved a step closer to a scheduled completion.
- Construction work was done while maintaining traffic on the busy OMR corridor.

What happens next?

With the piling and U-girder casting works now completed, the project will move into the subsequent phases of construction as Chennai Metro Phase-2 Corridor-3 advances towards completion. As per CMRL, the milestones display a significant step towards delivering the corridor on schedule and improving transport connectivity along Chennai's OMR corridor.

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