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## Prime Minister Modi Pushes For Time-Bound Execution Of Key Infra Projects At PRAGATI Meeting

Swarajya,  
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Prime Minister Narendra Modi has called for time-bound execution of key infrastructure projects in the country.

Chairing the 48th PRAGATI meeting on Wednesday (25 June), PM Modi reviewed certain critical infrastructure projects across the Mines, Railways, and Water Resources sectors.

These projects, pivotal to economic growth and public welfare, were reviewed with a focus on timelines, inter-agency coordination, and issue resolution, according to a PMO statement.

PRAGATI is the ICT-enabled, multi-modal platform aimed at fostering Pro-Active Governance and Timely Implementation, by seamlessly integrating efforts of the Central and State governments.

During the meeting, PM Modi emphasised the urgency of sticking to timelines and resolving inter-agency issues, warning that delays not only inflate project costs but also deprive citizens of vital services.

"Prime Minister underscored that delays in project execution come at the dual cost of escalating financial outlays and denying citizens timely access to essential services and infrastructure. He urged officials, both at the Central and State levels, to adopt a results-driven approach to translate opportunity into improving lives," the PMO said.

During a review of Prime Minister-Ayushman Bharat Health Infrastructure Mission (PM-ABHIM), PM Modi urged all states to accelerate the development of health infrastructure, with a special focus on aspirational districts, as well as remote, tribal, and border areas.

He emphasised that equitable access to quality healthcare must be ensured for the poor, marginalized, and under-served populations, and called for urgent and sustained efforts to bridge existing gaps in critical health services across these regions.

Prime Minister emphasised that PM-ABHIM provides a golden opportunity to States to strengthen their primary, tertiary and specialised health infrastructure at block, district and state level to provide quality health care and services.

The Prime Minister also reviewed initiatives promoting self-reliance in defence, commending various Ministries and States for their strategic efforts. He cited Operation Sindoor as a symbol of India's growing indigenous defence capabilities and urged States to tap into this momentum to contribute towards national Aatmanirbharta goals.

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## Maharashtra cabinet gives green light to 800-km Shaktipeeth Expressway

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*Synopsis*

***"Joining the Hands that Believe in Building Sustainably # Platform for Sustainable Infra"***

*The Maharashtra cabinet has sanctioned Rs 20,787 crore for the 'Maharashtra Shaktipeeth Expressway,' an 802-km project linking eastern Maharashtra with southern Konkan, reducing Nagpur-Goa travel time significantly. Additionally, allowances for Scheduled Tribes students in hostels were nearly doubled, and GST Act amendments were approved.*

The Maharashtra cabinet on Tuesday approved the allocation of Rs 20,787 crore for the ambitious 'Maharashtra Shaktipeeth Expressway' which will pass through 12 districts, linking eastern Maharashtra with southern Konkan.

The 802-km expressway will link Pavnar in Wardha district with Patradevi on Maharashtra-Goa border in Sindhudurg district, and is expected to cut the travel time between Nagpur and Goa from current 18 hours to eight hours, officials said.

The cabinet meeting was chaired by Chief Minister Devendra Fadnavis.

The high-speed corridor will pass through the districts of Wardha, Yavatmal, Hingoli, Nanded, Parbhani, Beed, Latur, Dharashiv, Solapur, Sangli, Kolhapur, Sindhudurg.

Wherever there is opposition to the project for fear of land acquisition, talks should be held with the local farmers, the chief minister said at the meeting.

According to officials, the expressway aims to connect key pilgrimage sites such as Mahur, Tuljapur, Kolhapur and Pandharpur in addition to prominent spiritual and historical places like Ambajogai, two 'Jyotirlings' of Aundha Nagnath and Parli Vajjnath; Karanja- Lad, Akkalkot, Audumber and Narsobachi Wadi.

The Maharashtra State Road Development Corporation (MSRDC) will implement the project, and HUDCO has sanctioned a loan of Rs 12,000 crore for the acquisition of nearly 7,500 hectares of land, officials said.

The expressway aims to link all 'Shaktipeeths' in the state and develop rural areas through tourism and connectivity, they added.

In another decision, the cabinet approved a long-pending revision of the allowances provided to Scheduled Tribes students living in hostels. Monthly living allowances were nearly doubled across categories.

Divisional-level hostels will now provide Rs 1,400 per month (against Rs 800 at present), district-level hostels Rs 1,300 (up from Rs 600), and rural hostels Rs 1,000 (up from Rs 500). The special allowance for girl students has been raised from Rs 100 to Rs 150.

Annual education material allowances too have been hiked, with students in classes 8 to 10 now eligible for Rs 4,500 (from Rs 3,200), and medical or engineering students will get Rs 8,000 (up from Rs 6,000). Monthly food allowances have been increased to Rs 5,000 in city hostels and Rs 4,500 in district-level hostels.

Currently, there are 490 tribal hostels in the state, catering to 57,700 students.

The cabinet also cleared draft amendments to the Maharashtra Goods and Services Tax (GST) Act, 2017, aligning it with the Centre's 2025 Finance Act and decisions of the 55th GST Council meeting.

It also approved amendments to a law dealing with the settlement of tax arrears of public sector undertakings, extending the definition of eligible applicants to include non-Companies Act entities like public sector banks and statutory bodies.

A land parcel in Bandra East was officially transferred to the Public Works Department for the construction of a new High Court complex. The government also waived Rs 31.75 crore in slum rehabilitation dues, paving the way for clearing encroachments on the site.

The cabinet also approved the allocation of 7,000 sq mt of reserved land at Chikhli in Pimpri Chichwad for a sewage treatment plant.

To support urban development, the Cabinet decided to offer a state guarantee and waive off guarantee fees for a Rs 2,000 crore HUDCO loan to local bodies. It will help projects including water supply lines in Chhatrapati Sambhajnagar and Mira-Bhayander, and a sewage treatment plant in Nagpur, officials said.

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## Andhra Pradesh Cabinet Eases Building Norms To Promote Small-Scale Construction

ToI,

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To encourage small-scale construction and easing the approval process for builders, the Andhra Pradesh Cabinet has approved a series of relaxations to the existing building regulations, PTI reported.

Municipal Administration Minister P Narayana announced the changes during a press conference, outlining a range of measures designed to make the process more accessible for smaller projects.

“Builders can mortgage 10 per cent of the plot area and construct as per the rules. For government lands, submitting an affidavit will be sufficient,” Narayana stated, adding that the simplification now applies to buildings under five floors as well.

Among the notable changes is the allowing of balconies up to 1.5 metres on buildings raised at least 3 metres above the ground.

The installation of CCTV cameras has also been made mandatory for all residential and commercial buildings.

Industrial construction norms were also revised.

For non-red category industries, the road width must be at least 9 metres, while for red category industrial constructions, it should be 12 metres, the minister clarified.

He also added that Sewage Treatment Plants (STPs) are now required to be built at the rear of all new constructions.

In a move aimed at compensating those affected by road widening projects, Narayana said that those who lose land due to road widening will be issued Transferable Development Rights (TDR) bonds, which allow the construction of an additional floor on the same building without needing further approval.

Licenses for builders and developers will now be valid for three years.

Additionally, a nominal fee of Rs 1 will apply for approval of small houses with a ground or ground-plus-one floor constructed within 50 square metres.

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## Pune Metro Set To Expand With Two New Elevated Corridors, 13 Stations By 2029

Swarajya,

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The Union Cabinet, chaired by Prime Minister Narendra Modi, on Wednesday (25 June) cleared Phase-2 of the Pune Metro Rail Project, extending the existing Vanaz–Ramwadi corridor with two elevated stretches: Vanaz to Chandani Chowk (Corridor 2A) and Ramwadi to Wagholi/Vitthalwadi (Corridor 2B).

Together, these corridors span 12.75 km with 13 new stations, linking fast-growing neighbourhoods such as Chandani Chowk, Bavdhan, Kothrud, Kharadi, and Wagholi.

The expansion is expected to be completed within four years.

The total project cost is estimated at Rs 3,626.24 crore, to be equally shared by the Central Government, Maharashtra Government, and external funding agencies.

Designed as a natural extension of the current East–West Metro Line (Corridor-2), the project aligns with Pune’s Comprehensive Mobility Plan (CMP), aiming to establish a continuous Chandani Chowk to Wagholi Metro corridor to strengthen East–West mass transit in Pune.

This east-west corridor is projected to significantly boost public transport usage in Pune’s growing suburban and IT belts.

Corridors 2A and 2B will serve major IT and commercial zones, educational clusters, and residential areas.

The new corridors will also integrate at the District Court Interchange Station with Line-1 (Nigdi–Katraj) and Line-3 (Hinjewadi–District Court) to enable seamless multimodal urban travel.

The expansion also factors in long-term intercity mobility, with plans to integrate bus services from Mumbai and Bengaluru at Chandani Chowk, and those from Ahilya Nagar and Chhatrapati Sambhaji Nagar at Wagholi, allowing for seamless metro access.

Key arterial routes like Paud Road and Nagar Road are expected to witness reduced congestion, with the new metro links offering safer, faster, and more sustainable alternatives to road travel.

The projected daily ridership on the entire Line 2 is estimated to rise from 0.96 lakh in 2027 to 3.49 lakh by 2057.

Maha-Metro will be the implementing agency, overseeing all civil and systems work, with pre-construction activities like topographical survey and detailed design consultancy already underway.

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## Maharashtra To Commission 1,071 MW Solar Power Projects, To Benefit Around 3 Lakh Farmers

PTI,

June 26, 2025

In a major push towards clean energy and sustainable agriculture, the Maharashtra government is set to commission 1,071 MW solar power projects under the ambitious Mukhyamantri Solar Energy Project 2.0.

The initiative, led by Mahanirmithi (Maharashtra State Electricity Generating Company Ltd.), aims to provide uninterrupted daytime electricity to farmers for irrigation, reduce reliance on conventional power, and curb carbon emissions.

The state government believes this move will directly benefit three lakh farmers across the state, enhancing agricultural productivity and promoting economic self-reliance.

“The state government's goal is to reduce dependence on conventional energy and reduce carbon emissions by providing uninterrupted power supply to farmers for irrigation during the day and increase agricultural productivity,” the official statement noted.

Mahanirmithi, a leading state-owned power utility with a diverse portfolio spanning thermal, hydro, wind and solar, will implement these decentralised projects in collaboration with GEAPP India (Global Energy Alliance for People and Planet).

Backed by The Rockefeller Foundation, IKEA Foundation and Bezos Earth Fund, GEAPP will offer project monitoring and a digital dashboard to track progress from land acquisition to construction in real time.

The decentralised solar units, ranging from 0.5 MW to 25 MW will be installed within 5–10 km of agricultural substations under the Mukhyamantri Saur Krishi Vahini Yojana 2.0.

This forms part of ‘Mission 2025’, which aims to solarise 30 per cent of agricultural feeders within the next two years.

A strategic joint committee comprising all stakeholders will steer the project’s timely execution.

Training on the digital dashboard will be provided, and new employment opportunities are expected to arise through the implementation phase.

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