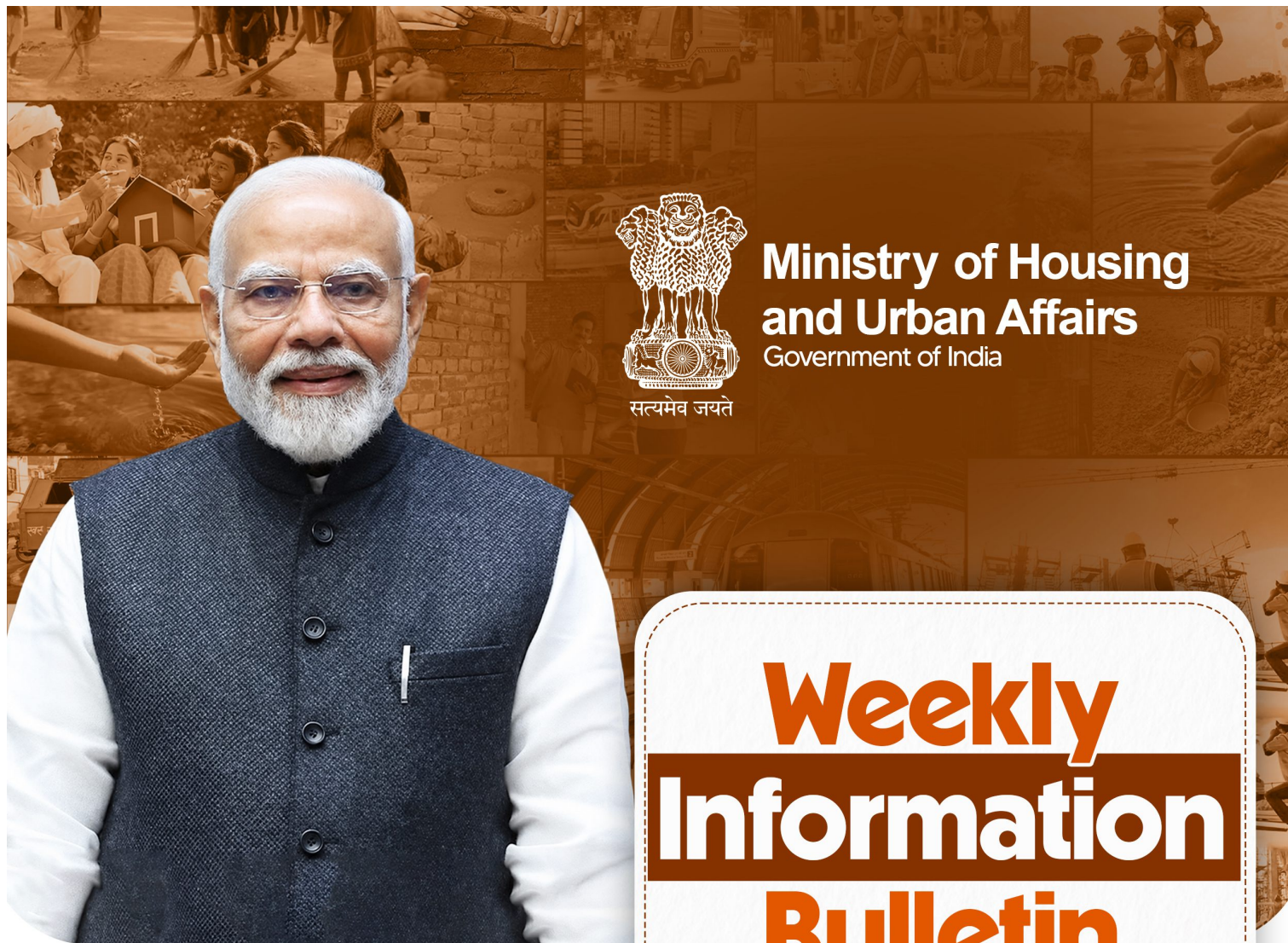




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Shri Manohar Lal

Hon'ble Union Minister of Housing &
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Hon'ble Prime Minister Takes the Metro, Connects with Delhi on Teachers' Day!

Hon'ble Prime Minister Sh. Narendra Modi travelled by the Delhi Metro to Shri Ram College of Commerce (SRCC) on Teachers' Day, 05 September 2026. The journey highlighted the Prime Minister's engagement with citizens while travelling on Delhi's extensive public transport network



During the metro journey, PM Modi interacted with school children and other passengers travelling on the train. He exchanged greetings with them and engaged in conversations during the ride, creating an informal and warm interaction with fellow commuters.

The journey on Teachers' Day also provided an opportunity for the Prime Minister to connect with young students and citizens in a public transport setting, reflecting the importance of accessible and efficient urban public transportation in Delhi.

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Union Minister Shri Manohar Lal reviews preparations for Swachhata Hi Seva 2026 with States/UTs

Hon'ble Union Minister of Housing & Urban Affairs and Power, Shri Manohar Lal chaired a meeting with Urban Development Ministers and senior officials from States/UTs to review preparations for Swachhata Hi Seva 2026.

He called upon States/UTs to make the month-long campaign from 17 September to 17 October a people's movement driven by the spirit of 'Seva Sankalp' and Jan Bhagidari.



Citizens were urged to begin Swachhata from their own homes on 17 September and light a diya in the evening as a symbol of cleanliness, health and positivity. States were encouraged to actively involve local bodies, public representatives, RWAs, youth and social organisations.

For 'Ek Din, Ek Ghanta, Ek Saath' on 1 October, States were advised to plan well in advance for large-scale Shramdaan and ensure that cleanliness achieved is sustained beyond the day.

The Minister emphasised maximum Jan Bhagidari, visible change on the ground and sustainability, so that Swachhata becomes an integral part of our Swabhav, Sanskar and Vyavahar.

Swachhata Mein Sahbhag – Swachh Bharat, Viksit Bharat.

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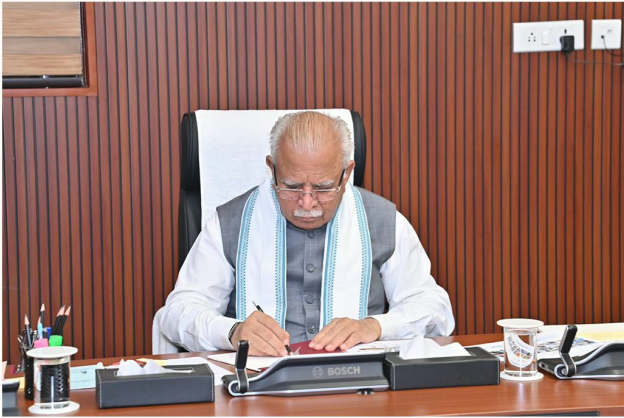


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Union Minister Shri Manohar Lal Jointly Chairs Review of Swachhata Hi Seva 2026 Preparations with Shri C. R. Paatil

On 5 September 2026, Union Minister of Housing & Urban Affairs and Power, Shri Manohar Lal, along with Union Minister of Jal Shakti, Shri C. R. Paatil, held a joint review meeting with senior officials of both Ministries to take stock of preparations for the Swachhata Hi Seva (SHS) 2026 campaign.



The meeting reviewed the proposed activities and implementation strategy for the month-long campaign from 17 September to 17 October 2026. Both Ministers emphasised coordinated efforts among the Ministries, States and Union Territories to ensure wide-ranging public participation and effective implementation of the campaign.

Highlighting the vision of Swachhata Hi Seva as a true Jan Andolan, the Ministers stressed the importance of advance planning, community mobilisation and sustained cleanliness efforts. They called upon officials to ensure that cleanliness initiatives deliver visible and lasting impact, making Swachhata a people-led movement and an integral part of everyday life.



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Union Minister Shri Manohar Lal Inaugurates Extended Indore Metro Service, Highlights Transformative Urban Connectivity

Hon'ble Union Minister of Housing & Urban Affairs and Power, Shri Manohar Lal, along with Hon'ble Chief Minister of Madhya Pradesh, Dr. Mohan Yadav, inaugurated the extended service of the Indore Metro at the Brilliant Convention Centre, Indore.

Shri Manohar Lal highlighted that the expansion will provide citizens with safe, convenient and time-bound mobility, reducing travel time, easing traffic congestion and strengthening the city's Ease of Living. With enhanced connectivity to key destinations, including the railway station and airport, the expanded metro network is set to support seamless mobility and contribute to Indore's economic growth.



Highlighting India's remarkable progress in urban mass transit, the Union Minister noted that the country's metro network has expanded from 245 km across 5 cities in 2014 to 1,170 km across 26 cities today. He expressed confidence that India can surpass the United States to become the world's second-largest metro network in the coming years.

Shri Manohar Lal emphasised that modern, sustainable and efficient urban infrastructure will play a vital role in advancing the vision of a Viksit Bharat, while transforming mobility and improving the quality of life for citizens.

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9th Meeting of Central Sanctioning and Monitoring Committee Approves 29,000+ Additional Houses under PMAY-U 2.0

The 9th meeting of the Central Sanctioning and Monitoring Committee (CSMC), chaired by Shri Satendra Singh, Secretary, Department of Urban Development, approved over 29,000 additional houses under Pradhan Mantri Awas Yojana-Urban 2.0 (PMAY-U 2.0) for Economically Weaker Section (EWS) families across Assam, Bihar, Gujarat, Telangana, Tripura and Uttar Pradesh.

With the latest approvals, the total number of houses sanctioned under PMAY-U 2.0 has reached 18.77 lakh, further advancing the Government's commitment to providing affordable and dignified housing to urban families.



The meeting also highlighted the scheme's focus on women's empowerment, with 92% of houses sanctioned in the name of women, either in the name of the female head of the household or through joint ownership. The meeting was attended by Shri Kumar Ravikant Singh, Joint Secretary & Mission Director (Housing for All), Shri Sanjeet, Joint Secretary & Financial Advisor, senior officials from the Ministry, and Mission Directors of participating States.

Building on the sustained progress under PMAY-U, PMAY-U and PMAY-U 2.0 together have sanctioned more than 1.25 crore houses, with over 1 crore houses completed and delivered to beneficiaries.

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CPWD–Built New ITAT Office Premises Inaugurated in Kolkata

Shri Arjun Ram Meghwal, Hon'ble Union Minister of State for Law & Justice (Independent Charge) and MoS for Parliamentary Affairs, Government of India, inaugurated the new office premises of Income Tax Appellate Tribunal (ITAT), Kolkata on 07 September 2026, in the presence of Justice (Retd) C.V. Bhadang, President, ITAT, and Shri D R L Reddy, Vice President, ITAT Kolkata Zone. The Hon'ble Minister appreciated the work executed by CPWD and felicitated Shri V K Singh, CE, CPWD Kolkata for the good work.



Located at New Town, Kolkata, the building has around 9,600 sqm built-up area and comprises Basement + Ground + 3 Storeys. Its distinctive arch-shaped crowning parapets blend Kolkata's heritage and architectural character with contemporary design and modern, state-of-the-art facilities.

The building features 4 modern courtrooms, a 100-person conference room, basement parking for 100 cars, VRV/VRF air-conditioning and a 50 KWp Solar PV Power Plant. It also has 2 lifts with 13-passenger capacity (G+3) and 1 six-passenger lift (G+1) exclusively for Judges.

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NUDM Strengthens Digital Governance Convergence and Integration in Karnataka

The National Urban Digital Mission (NUDM), launched in February 2021, aims to deliver accessible, inclusive and efficient digital municipal governance across India's Urban Local Bodies by 2026 through shared digital infrastructure, building blocks, platforms, standards, specifications and frameworks.

On 08-09 September 2026, the Joint Secretary, NUDM, MoHUA, along with the NUDM team, held a series of meetings in Bengaluru to review digital governance initiatives and NUDM implementation in Karnataka. The team visited the Centre for e-Governance to understand the Kutumba Family ID initiative and explore its integration with UPYOG, including its technical architecture, institutional framework, data integration and verification mechanisms.



The team also met the eGov Foundation to understand the India Urban Stack/UDPI concept and explore its potential realisation under NUDM. On 09 September, discussions with the Secretary, Urban Development Department, Government of Karnataka, Karnataka Municipal Data Society and Centre for Smart Governance focused on strengthening State-level adoption, convergence and integration of NUDM initiatives.

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Highlights of the Week

DMRC Wins HR for the Greater Good 2026 Award at XLRI's HR for the Greater Good Conclave 2.0

through its Centre for HR Research and Studies (CHRS), concluded the HR for the Greater Good Conclave 2.0, a three-day national conclave held from August 31 to September 2, 2026, bringing together organisations from the public and private sectors to engage with contemporary challenges and practices in Human Resource Management.

The conclave sought to examine how HR can play a more meaningful role in building organisations that are responsible, resilient and people-centric. The discussions and organisational presentations focused on five key areas: Artificial Intelligence Adoption in HR; Impact of Labour Reforms on Labour Practices; Environment and Sustainability; Green HRM; Total Rewards and Career Management; and Digital Transformation of Business and HR/IR Processes.

The three-day programme featured keynote addresses, expert sessions, panel discussions and organisational presentations, creating a platform for cross-sector learning and dialogue. The agenda included discussions on the human-centric adoption of Artificial Intelligence, workers' dignity and labour reforms, digital transformation, AI-first organisations, employee wellbeing and the future of work.

Panel discussions were: Panel 1: Artificial Intelligence: Future of HR & Digital Transformation, which was moderated by Prof. Pooja Malik, speakers were Ananya Dutta, Former CHRO, Jefferies; Himal Tewari, CHRO, Chief – Sustainability & CSR, Tata Power Group; Manish Kumar, CDO, Thermofisher; Sushil Baveja, CHRO, Jindal Stainless.

In 1984, India started its metro rail journey; over 40 years later its network is set to surpass the US in two years to become second largest after China

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India's metro network has grown more than fourfold in just over a decade.

India's metro network has grown multifold in the last few years and may soon overtake the network in the United States of America. This would make India the country with the second largest metro network in the world after China.

India could surpass the United States in metro rail network length within the next two years, Union Housing and Urban Affairs Minister Manohar Lal said while inaugurating the extended metro rail service in Indore.

Metro Network: India Could Overtake US Soon

He said the US currently has a metro rail network spanning 1,386 km, while India's network has grown to 1,170 km following the extension of the Indore line. This leaves India just 216 km behind the US.

"The US has a metro rail network of 1,386 km. With the extended Indore line, India's metro rail network has reached 1,170 km," he said.

The Indore metro extension was built at a cost of Rs 2,850 crore. Lal said China remains far ahead, with around 8,000 km of metro rail lines at present.

"I think in the next two years, we will overtake the US and become the world's second-largest country in terms of metro rail network after China," the Union minister said.

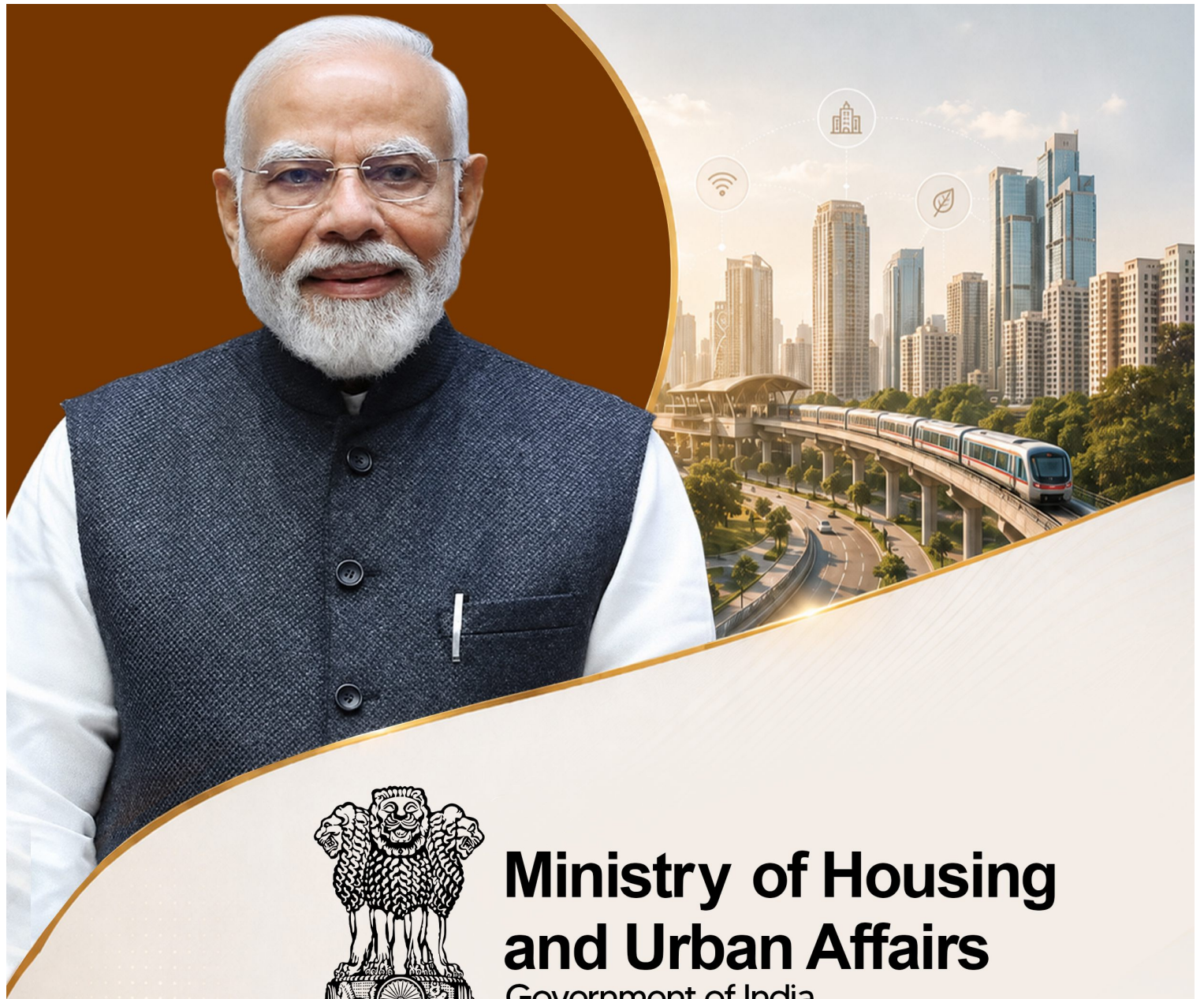
Lal also highlighted how rapidly India's metro network has expanded over the past decade. In 2014, metro services were available across just 245 km in five cities.

Bharat Taxi expands to all metro stations, e-autos available 52 stations

New Delhi: To improve last-mile connectivity, Bharat Taxi, which started with just 10 metro stations in Jan, is now available across all stations on the Delhi-NCR network. E-autos are presently operational at 52 metro stations, recording an average daily ridership of around 60,192 passengers. Similarly, Delhi Metro Rail Corporation's public bicycle sharing ecosystem, comprising both pedal-cycle and battery-operated e-bike services, is available at several metro stations. E-rickshaw services are operational at 20 metro stations.

"DMRC entered into an MoU with Sahakar Taxi Cooperative Ltd. (STCL), an initiative of the ministry of cooperation, in Jan 2026 for providing mobility services under the brand name Bharat Taxi. Starting with modest 10 stations, the service got gradually extended to other stations and is now covering all stations across Delhi-NCR network," said a DMRC official.

Bharat Taxi is India's first cooperative-based ride-hailing platform. It follows a driver-owned, zero-commission model, under which drivers, known as 'Sarathis', become shareholders and receive fares directly in their bank accounts. "To further facilitate commuter access and improve visibility of the service, geo-tagging of operational Bharat Taxi locations is under process, along with the installation of standees at operational locations.



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