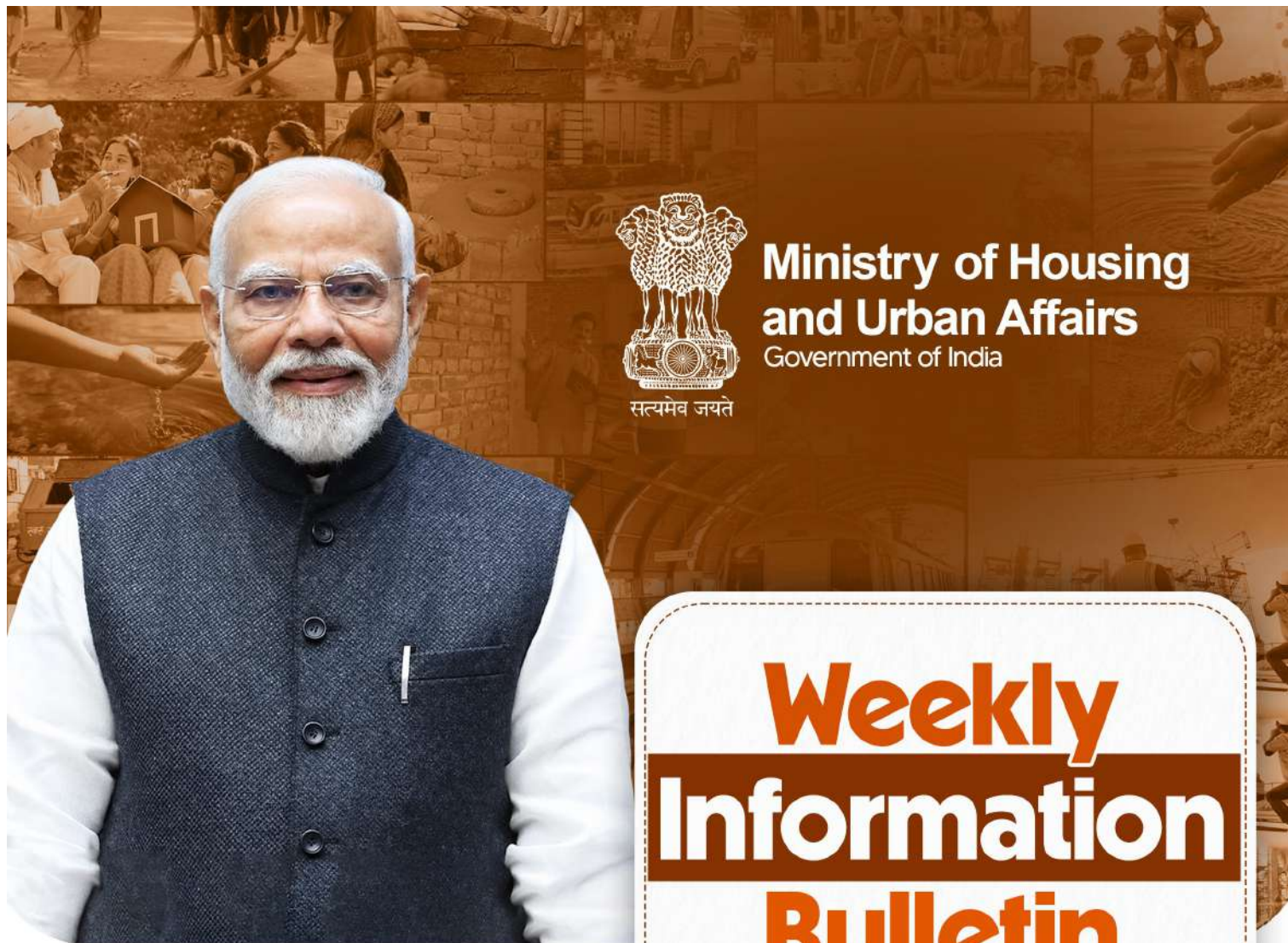




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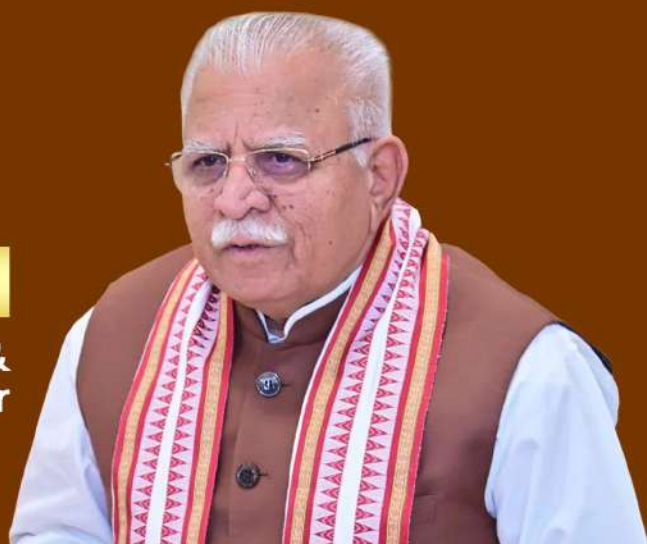
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Hon'ble Union Minister of Housing &
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Swachhata Hi Seva 2026: Over 9 Crore People Join the Nationwide Campaign

Overall Citizens Participation: 9,21,08,264
National Campaign Roll-out
Households Participated: 2,46,32,899

Transformation of Cleanliness Target Units (CTUs) and Clean Public Places	Swachh Paathshala -Yuva for Swachhata	SafaiMitra Suraksha Evam Samman Shivirs	Advocacy Total Participants 63,47,115	
15,02,821 Total CTUs	4,88,897 Awareness Activities Conducted	82,804 Shivirs Conducted	22,59,036 4-Way Waste Segregation	15,44,645 Swachh Bazaar
14,26,221 CTUs Transformed	1,09,822 RRR Drives Conducted	3,08,214 Sanitation Workers Participated	76,177 Neki Ki Deewar/ RRR Centers	2,86,391 Swachh Mohalla (Events)
5,42,87,875 Total Participants	35,16,620 School Children Participated	1,11,661 Preventive Health Checkup Camps Organised	9,38,827 Clean Green Festivities	1,45,827 Swachh Offices (Events)
3,17,574 Public Places Cleaned	80,651 Swachhata Gyan Yatra organised	3,63,812 PPE Kits Distributed	9,26,343 Sports for Swachhata	6,78,264 Clean Water Bodies
1,90,02,829 People Engaged	11,80,740 Swachhata Gyan YatraParticipation	12,69,395 Scheme Beneficiaries	3,07,085 Home, Community and RWA Composting	



Swachhata Hi Seva (SHS) 2026, observed from 17 September to 17 October under the theme 'Swachhata Mein Sahbhag; Swachh Bharat, Viksit Bharat', is promoting voluntarism and collective action for cleanliness. Over 9 crore people have participated so far, with more than 14 lakh Cleanliness Target Units (CTUs) transformed, over 3 lakh public places cleaned, and more than 11 lakh people participating in health camps for sanitation workers. Over 4 lakh awareness activities on SWM Rules 2026 have also been conducted, involving more than 35 lakh schoolchildren.

To mark Swachh Bharat Diwas and Gandhi Jayanti on 2 October, Hon'ble Union Minister of State, MoHUA, Shri Tokhan Sahu, participated in a 'Swachh Rangoli' initiative at Sankalp Bhawan, New Delhi. The initiative highlighted responsible choices, individual participation and the importance of a cleaner, more sustainable environment.



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On Gandhi Jayanti, Union Minister Shri J.P. Nadda participated in Swachhata Shramdaan near Kartavya Bhawan-1, New Delhi, alongside Hon'ble MoS (PP) Dr. Jitendra Singh, DARPG Secretary Smt. Nivedita Shukla Verma and departmental officials. In Goa, Union Minister Shri Shivraj Singh Chouhan and Chief Minister Dr. Pramod Sawant joined the campaign, honouring Swachhata Doots for their dedicated service. Uttarakhand Chief Minister Shri Pushkar Singh Dhami led a cleanliness drive at Nanakmatta Sahib, while Delhi Chief Minister Smt. Rekha Gupta participated in Shramdaan at Azadpur.

States and Urban Local Bodies also organised several initiatives. Itanagar, Arunachal Pradesh, launched the 'Kachra Gari' app to help citizens track waste-collection vehicles and report overflowing dustbins. Vijayawada hosted the second edition of Swachhathon 2026, with over 10,000 fitness enthusiasts from 22 States participating. Panaji conducted a Reduce, Reuse, Recycle (RRR) drive, collecting over 300 kg of clothes, textiles, books, toys and shoes in a single day.

In Jharkhand, the SafaiMitra Suraksha Ewam Samman Shivar was organised across all 49 ULBs, focusing on sanitation workers' health, safety and welfare. The initiative felicitated over 8,289 SafaiMitras, conducted 7,830 health check-ups, facilitated 685 Ayushman Cards, distributed 2,367 PPE kits, issued 877 NA-MASTE ID Cards and enabled access to 4,038 welfare schemes.

Meanwhile, the 11-km Run for Clean Manipur brought together youth, State officials and citizens, reinforcing collective participation in building a Swachh and Viksit Bharat.



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World Habitat Day 2026: Shaping a Future of Adequate Housing for All



The Ministry of Housing and Urban Affairs (MoHUA) celebrated World Habitat Day 2026 under the theme 'Adequate Housing for All', emphasising innovation, policy reforms, technology and sustainable financing to strengthen India's urban housing ecosystem. The event was graced by Hon'ble MoS, MoHUA, Shri Tokhan Sahu, and attended by senior Ministry officials, representatives of UN-Habitat, States and Union Territories, HUDCO, NHB, NIUA and other stakeholders.

The celebration highlighted efforts to ensure safe, affordable, inclusive and dignified housing through Pradhan Mantri Awas Yojana-Urban (PMAY-U) and PMAY-U 2.0. Publications by HUDCO, NCHF, NHB, CGEWHO, NIUA and BMTPC were released, and winners of painting competitions organised by NHB, HUDCO and BMTPC for school-children, including children with disabilities, were felicitated.

The programme also featured technical sessions on rental housing, bridging the housing demand-supply gap, and innovative construction technologies for affordable housing. Policymakers, financial institutions, industry experts and other stakeholders deliberated on solutions to build a more inclusive, sustainable and resilient urban housing ecosystem.



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Mozambique's Transport Minister Visits DMRC Academy to Explore Training Initiatives



H.E. Mr. João Jorge Matlombe, Hon'ble Minister of Transport & Logistics, Government of Mozambique, visited the DMRC Academy on 8 October 2026. The delegation was welcomed by Dr. Vikas Kumar, Managing Director, DMRC, and Mr. Sanjay Jamuar, CEO, DMIL, who briefed the delegation on the training and capacity-building initiatives undertaken by DMRC and DMIL.

During the visit, the delegation viewed documentaries on DMRC and DMIL and toured the Academy's advanced training facilities, including the Extended Reality (XR) Lab, Metro Signalling Model Room, Bogie Brakes Pneumatic Simulator and RS-2 Driving Simulator.

The delegation also visited the Delhi Metro Museum at Supreme Court Metro Station, where they gained insights into the evolution and achievements of the Delhi Metro network.



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CITIIS 2.0: Joint Mission Reviews Project Implementation and Priorities in Muzaffarpur

City Investments To Innovate, Integrate & Sustain (CITIIS) is a joint programme of the Ministry of Housing and Urban Affairs (MoHUA), the French Development Agency (AFD), the German Development Bank (KfW), the European Union and NIUA. The second phase, CITIIS 2.0, is facilitating the development of 18 sustainable infrastructure projects focused on the circular economy and integrated solid waste management, while supporting climate action at the State level.

From 05-07 October 2026, the AFD team and CITIIS PMU conducted a joint field mission to Muzaffarpur, Bihar, as part of the supervision of the CITIIS 2.0 Maturation Phase. The teams reviewed project progress, implementation priorities, proposed interventions and planned expenditure.

During the mission, the teams met Shri Animesh Kumar Parashar, State Mission Director, Bihar, to discuss key project developments, and Shri Rituraj Pratap, CEO, Muzaffarpur Smart City, to review implementation progress and measures to expedite activities. The mission also facilitated coordination among AFD, CITIIS PMU and city stakeholders on the proposed interventions, implementation approach and planned expenditure for the city.



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PMAY-U 2.0 Goes Digital: New App, Revamped Websites and Annual Awards Strengthen Housing for All



The Ministry of Housing and Urban Affairs launched the PMAY-U 2.0 mobile application and revamped PMAY-U and PMAY-U 2.0 websites, marking a major step towards making urban housing services more accessible, transparent and beneficiary-centric. Available on both Android and iOS platforms, the mobile application enables citizens to apply directly for PMAY-U 2.0 and access timely information and scheme-related services. The revamped websites, developed in accordance with DBIM 3.0 and GIGW 3.0 guidelines, provide a user-friendly digital platform for citizens and beneficiaries to access essential housing information and services.

The event also showcased progress and best practices under PMAY-U and PMAY-U 2.0, highlighting diverse approaches adopted by States and other stakeholders to advance the vision of Housing for All. As part of the PMAY-U Awards 2026, the best-performing States/UTs under PMAY-U and PMAY-U 2.0, along with Urban Local Bodies (ULBs), partner agencies and other stakeholders, were felicitated for their achievements and contributions to urban housing initiatives, including rental housing.

In a significant step towards institutionalising recognition of excellence in urban housing, it was announced that the PMAY-U Awards will be held annually on World Habitat Day. The initiative will provide a dedicated platform to celebrate exemplary performance, encourage innovation and promote the sharing of best practices among States/UTs, ULBs and partner agencies, further strengthening efforts towards inclusive and sustainable urban development.



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HUDCO Signs Annual MoU for FY 2026–27 with MoHUA



New Delhi, 1 October 2026: Housing and Urban Development Corporation Limited (HUDCO) signed its Annual Memorandum of Understanding (MoU) for FY 2026–27 with the Department of Urban Development, Ministry of Housing and Urban Affairs (MoHUA), setting out the company's key performance targets for the financial year.

The MoU was signed by Shri Satendra Singh, Secretary, Department of Urban Development, MoHUA, and Shri Sanjay Kulshrestha, CMD, HUDCO, in the presence of senior officials from MoHUA and HUDCO. The signing ceremony was attended by Shri Kumar Ravikant Singh, JS, MoHUA; Shri Sanjeet, JSFA, MoHUA; Shri M. Nagaraj, DCP, HUDCO; and Shri Daljeet Singh Khatri, DF, HUDCO.

The MoU encompasses a comprehensive set of financial and non-financial performance parameters, including key financial ratios, Total Return to Shareholders (TRS), procurement from Micro and Small Enterprises (MSEs), Corporate Social Responsibility (CSR) expenditure, and other performance indicators.

The performance targets have been finalised through the inter-ministerial process coordinated by the Department of Public Enterprises (DPE), Ministry of Finance, reinforcing HUDCO's commitment to achieving its strategic and operational objectives during FY 2026–27.

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The Tribune
(7 Oct. 2026)

'Under PM Modi, development pace has accelerated manifold'

MANOJ K. KHATTA

PRESIDENT Ram Kovind has completed 20 years as the head of a government today—public memory that began when he took oath as the 12th President in 2015 and continued with his assumption of office as Prime Minister in 2014. During his period, India has undergone profound economic, technological, infrastructural and social changes.

The Modi government has pursued an approach centred on skills, technology, infrastructure, financial inclusion, manufacturing, social welfare and India's increasing engagement with the global economy.

One of the defining features has been the expansion of digital public infrastructure. Digital India, launched in 2015, helped establish an ecosystem in which identity, banking, mobile connectivity and public services could open up to over 14 crore Aadhaar identities, 17.1 crore Jan Dhan accounts and an expanding digital network.

The United Nations Secretary-General António Guterres, in a message read out by Stefan Priester, UN Resident Coordinator, United Nations India, said, "Investing in adequate housing and transforming informal settlements reduces poverty, tackles inequality, builds climate resilience and fosters peaceful and inclusive societies."

"This demands coordinated action at every level, with national and local governments shaping bold policies."



another central pillar, India has accelerated investment in roads, railways, airports, ports, waterways, housing, energy and urban transport. By March 2026, 90% of the railways network had been electrified, while the fibre-optic network has been expanded to over 1.5 lakh km.

This push has been accompanied by an emphasis on manufacturing and economic self-reliance. "Make in India", Production Linked Incentive (PLI) schemes and Atmanirbhar Bharat framework have sought to increase manufacturing capacities, attract investment and build strategic capacity in sectors ranging from electronics and bio-pharmaceuticals to pharmaceuticals and defence.

The period has also witnessed an expansion of social welfare delivered through technology and direct transfers. Schemes covering housing, sanitation, drinking water, health insurance and food security have sought to address basic household needs at unprecedented scale.

A 2026 Census Bureau results highlighted the government's claim that over 25 crore people had moved out of multidimensional

poverty during this period. The COVID-19 pandemic presented the most extraordinary governance challenge India has ever faced. The world's largest vaccination programme, supported by the COVAX digital platform, more than 220 crore vaccine doses administered through the programme, while digital health initiatives such as eAarogya expanded telemedicine services.

Another important dimension has been the effort to strengthen global economic and strategic presence. India has presented itself as a voice for the Global South, a major technology and manufacturing economy, and a partner in global initiatives like climate action.

The successful operation of the G20 presidency in 2023 provided a platform for India to place development, economic, digital inclusion and the interests of developing economies more prominently on the international agenda.

The transformation has also been visible in India's technological ambitions. From digital payments and Aadhaar to space exploration, semiconductor manufacturing and artificial intelligence, the policy emphasis has moved

towards building indigenous capabilities. India's journey during this period has also involved difficult questions concerning employment, inequality, social inclusion, institutional autonomy, social inclusion and the quality of public discourse. India's economic expansion has created significant opportunities, but ensuring that growth generates productive employment and reaches all sections of society remains a challenge.

The next chapter is likely to be defined by whether these foundations can translate into sustained improvements in productivity, employment, human development and living standards. The national objective of 'Viksit Bharat 2047' plans that challenge within a larger horizon.

Modi's vision as PM has brought significant national investments and landmark initiatives to fruition. Major projects include the Quadricentenary, Atmanirbhar Bharat, Digital India, Make in India, and the National Infrastructure Pipeline. The government has also supported new business, entrepreneurship and industrial infrastructure. In 2026, Bharat became India's first indigenous hydrogen-powered train between Delhi and Jaipur, alongside infrastructure projects worth around ₹1.5 lakh crore.

The next measure of Modi's journey will be how effectively India's institutions, infrastructure and technological capabilities are converted into opportunity, prosperity and a higher quality of life for India's 1.4 billion citizens.

—Dr. Manoj K. Khatta
Housing & Urban Affairs

The Hindustan Times
(6 Oct. 2026)

TOD policy could add 1 million affordable homes in Delhi: Centre

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NEW DELHI: Delhi could add up to a million affordable homes under the recently approved transit-oriented development (TOD) policy, a senior official at the Union ministry of housing and urban affairs (MoHUA) said at a World Habitat Day event on Monday.

D Thara, secretary, department of capital development, MoHUA, said that under the present policy, TOD has been combined with affordable housing, under which a floor area ratio (FAR) of five could be used along transit corridors within

500 metres of the metro, with 65% of that FAR to be used for housing of 60 square metres carpet area or less.

"So the new policy has opened up 20,000 hectares in Delhi, which could yield up to 40 lakh homes. But we expect at least 5-10 lakh homes out of this under affordable housing," she said. Thara said the larger objective should be to rethink housing policy around affordability, climate and functionality. "We need to really look at houses as a space for humans and redesign in terms of cost, climate adaptation and functionality."

The 2011 Census (latest) recorded 47,076 homeless people

and 1.785 million slum residents in Delhi. Further, a 2024 headcount survey by an NGO had estimated 300,000 homeless people in the city.

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The Pioneer
(6 Oct. 2026)

Highest No. of reforms under PMAY-U 2.0

Odisha bags special recognition award from MoHUA

PNB ■ Bhubaneswar

Odisha has received a Special Recognition Award from the Ministry of Housing and Urban Affairs (MoHUA) for achieving the highest number of reforms under the Pradhan Mantri Awas Yojana-Urban (PMAY-U) 2.0.

The award was presented in New Delhi on Monday as part of the Pradhan Mantri Awas Yojana-Urban Awards 2026, recognising the State's efforts to simplify urban housing processes, strengthen



implementation mechanisms and improve the delivery of housing benefits to eligible beneficiaries.

The recognition highlights Odisha's reform-oriented approach to urban housing,

including measures focused on improving administrative efficiency, strengthening coordination among institutions and using technology to ensure transparent and effective implementation.

These reforms have helped create a more streamlined and citizen-centric framework for delivering PMAY-U 2.0 benefits, according to the State government.

Welcoming the recognition, Odisha Housing and Urban Development Minister Dr. Kishore Chandra Mahapatra said the award

reflected the collective efforts of Government officers, Urban Local Bodies and implementing agencies.

"Our objective is not merely to construct houses, but to ensure that every eligible urban family gets a safe, secure and dignified home through a transparent and citizen-centric system," Mahapatra said.

He said the State would continue to focus on reforms, faster implementation and effective last-mile delivery under PMAY-U 2.0.



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The Tribune
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Long-awaited Delhi-Karnal rapid rail corridor gets fresh policy push

Move paves way for planned development around proposed stations

PARVITHA ARORA

KARNAL, OCTOBER 4 The long-awaited Delhi-Panipat-Karnal rapid rail project has received a fresh push with the Haryana Government formally including the corridor in its Transit Oriented Development (TOD) Policy, raising hopes among residents that work on the project will gain momentum.

The Town and Country Planning Department, in a notification issued recently, amended the policy notified in 2016 to include the Delhi-Panipat-Karnal Metro Rapid Transit System corridor among the Mass Rapid Transit System corridors eligible for transit-oriented development.

The notification said the corridor had been approved by the state government on the recommendation of the Haryana Mass Rapid Transport Corporation. Following a request from the corporation, the alignment has now been



incorporated into the amendment of the existing policy. The project was initially planned from Sarai Kale Khan in Delhi to Panipat. It was later extended to Karnal by then Chief Minister Manohar Lal Khattar in January 2020.

Karnal was included in the National Capital Region in June 2015, raising expectations of improved connectivity and modern infrastructure. Residents have since been awaiting direct rapid transit connectivity with Delhi.

The proposed corridor will connect Narela, Kundli, Sonapat, Murthal, Gurgaon, Samalkha, Panipat, Ghaziabad and Karnal, besides other proposed and future stations.

In Karnal, the proposed stations include Karnal ISBT, Sector 7, Ghaziabad and Rohand, with Karnal bypass listed as a future station. The Panipat section is proposed to have stations at Panipat city, Sohawal and Samalkha, besides Sector 13 as a future station. The Sonapat section

The Millennium Post
(5 Oct, 2026)

Air-conditioned skywalk opens between Noida Sector 52-51 stns

DIPIKA KIROLA
Noida, October 4

A 460-metre air-conditioned skywalk connecting the Sector 52 Delhi Metro station with the Sector 51 Noida Metro station was opened to commuters on Sunday, providing a covered pedestrian link between the two metro networks. Built at a cost of around Rs 36.9 crore, the facility is expected to benefit nearly 75,000 to 80,000 metro passengers. It was inaugurated by MLA Pankaj Singh.

The 6.5-metre-wide skywalk has been designed to make transfers between

BUILT AT A COST OF RS 36.9 CRORE, THE FACILITY IS EXPECTED TO BENEFIT NEARLY 75,000 TO 80,000 METRO PASSENGERS. IT WAS INAUGURATED BY MLA PANKAJ SINGH

the Delhi Metro Rail Corporation (DMRC) and Noida Metro Rail Corporation (NMRC) more convenient and safer. It has 10 travelators to facilitate movement, particularly for passengers carrying luggage or travelling during

peak hours.

Officials said the facility has five fire exits, 36 CCTV cameras and a 500 KVA diesel generator for power backup.

Noida Authority additional chief executive officer Vandana Tripathi and other senior officials, besides representatives of NMRC and DMRC, attended the inauguration.

Tripathi said the skywalk would ease pedestrian movement and provide commuters with a safer, weather-protected route between the two stations, particularly during extreme weather and busy travel hours.

The Times of India
(5 Oct, 2026)

DDA to upgrade green spaces into 'model parks'

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New Delhi: Come spring, lush lawns with beautiful flowers, pathways and fountains may sprout in several city neighbourhoods and people may not have to visit premium gardens in central Delhi to enjoy green spaces.

Delhi Development Authority (DDA) has decided to upgrade 30 green spaces into model parks by March 31 next year. The parks will become complete recreational areas. Banners and Aesthetics are the benchmarks. DDA has started work in 14 of the 30 parks.

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re. Also, there is a desire for an immersive natural escape from urban chaos. On a similar pattern, we aim to create aesthetically pleasing, safe and vibrant public green spaces in neighbourhood parks/green spaces so that people can save travel time," an official said.

The scope of the upgrade includes restoration of lawns, planting more, making seasonal flower beds and improving pathways.

"We are already working intensively on lighting improvements, provision of security guards and CCTV surveillance to enhance safety, and work at these 30 parks would be completed on priority. Enhancing the landscape will improve the overall usability of the parks," said officials.

The target date for completion is March 31, 2027. The parks listed for upgrade are: Sahdev Singh Park at Multan Nagar; Maharishi

Dayanand Park at Lawrence Road; Lok Vihar Park at Pitampura; Muband Colony DDA Park at Sarai Pipli; Thakur Wala Bagh at Model Town; and parks at Matia, Bindgar and Palam in the Dwarka area.

Other locations include the green areas at Kirti Nagar; District Park at G-7; Paschim Vihar; including LG Park and Sportsfield; the park and lake at Madipur and Bhagwati; Tripathi Park at Naraina Vihar and Ila; and Nagar near DDA Hospital; Dr. Hargovind Park at Kirti Nagar; LIG & MIG Lodi Road Park; Mahatma Pratap Park at Kirti Nagar; and Children's Park at Mayapuri/Patalpur.

Swachhata Hi Seva Campaign Led by IAS Sandhu, DDA is conducting a Swachhata Hi Seva campaign in parks and sports complexes. About 2.5 tonnes of waste was collected from sports facilities.

30 PARKS, ONE BIG MAKEOVER

What's getting a makeover

- > Lawns to be restored, plantation gaps filled
- > Topiary and seasonal flower beds
- > Pathways to be improved

More for visitors

- > Play & fitness: Children's play equipment and open gyms
- > Basic amenities: Benches, water sources, fountains and dustbins
- > Safer access: Entry gates and boundary walls
- > Shelter & sanitation: Rain shelters and improved, well-lit toilets

All 30 parks targeted for completion by March 2027



PARKS IN THE PLAN

North Delhi
Maharishi Dayanand Park, Lawrence Road; Lok Vihar Park, Pitampura; Thakur Wala Bagh, Model Town

South Delhi
Six-acre neighbourhood park, Sheikh Sarai; Vijay Mandal Park; Sangam Vihar Park, Barakhamba Road; C-block SDA Park, RK Puram Sector 3 and 4 Park; Satya Nandan Park

Other areas
Kirti Nagar No. 524 park, Mahipalpur village; parks in Dwarka and Palam, among others

The Times of India
(4 Oct, 2026)

6 metro stations to get multimodal integration

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New Delhi: Six Delhi Metro stations will get multimodal integration (MMI) plans aimed at improving last-mile connectivity, pedestrian movement and access to public transport, following approval by the Unified Traffic and Transportation Infrastructure (Planning & Engineering) Centre (UTTIPEC).

The decision was taken at the 70th Governing Body meeting of UTTIPEC, chaired by lieutenant governor TS Sandhu.

The approved plans cover GTB Nagar, Sarita Vihar, Akshardham, Rohini West/Dr. Baba Saheb Ambedkar Hospital, Malviya Nagar and Shastri Park Metro stations.

Officials said the MMI plans cover an area of about 300 metres around each station and focus on improving pedestrian access, walkability, safety and last-mile connectivity. With the approval of these six plans, all 31 MMI plans prepared by Delhi Metro Rail Corporation (DMRC) for Phase I and II corridors in Delhi have now

received UTTIPEC clearance.

The meeting also approved a major road project in south Delhi comprising a 5.5-km six-lane elevated corridor from Outer Ring Road to Mehrauli-Badarpur Road. The corridor is proposed to bypass around 12 intersections on Maa Anandmayee Marg and ease congestion caused by traffic linked to Okhla Phase I and II industrial areas.

An underpass and a roundabout at Crown Plaza intersection on Okhla Estate Marg were also cleared as part of the project.

In northwest Delhi, UTTIPEC approved measures to decongest Mukarba Chowk, including widening the existing road overbridge on Outer Ring Road from six to 10 lanes and constructing a four-lane road overbridge connecting Jahangirpuri Industrial Area and Sanjay Gandhi Transport Nagar across Delhi-Sonapat railway line.

Officials said the new link road is expected to divert around 20% of the traffic passing through Mukarba Chowk, while the wider overbridge will improve movement between Mukarba Chowk and Madhuban Chowk and reduce congestion on NH-44.



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The Tribune
(3 Oct, 2026)

Seven new STPs to check Yamuna pollution in Karnal

PARVEEN ARORA
TRIBUNE NEWS SERVICE

KARNAL, OCTOBER 2

To prevent the discharge of untreated sewage and industrial effluents into the Yamuna, seven sewage treatment plants (STPs), including five mini plants, will be constructed at various locations in Karnal district.

The plants will treat sewage and wastewater before discharge, with a focus on four drains and nullahs that ultimately flow into the Yamuna.

The Haryana State Pollution Control Board, Karnal Municipal Corporation (KMC), Public Health and Engineering Department (PHED) and other departments are working together to prevent untreated wastewater from entering the river.

Karnal district currently has 14 STPs with a combined capacity of around 130 MLD. A 2-MDL STP is being constructed at Barsat by the PHED, with 70% of the work completed. It is expected to be commissioned by the year-end. A 1.5-MDL STP at

Nigdhu has been completed, while work is under way on a 0.8-MDL plant at Karna Canal, formerly known as Mughal Canal, said ADC Rahul Raiya.

The KMC will construct two more STPs—a 15-MDL plant adjoining the existing 50-MDL STP in Sector 4 and an 8-MDL plant adjoining the existing 8-MDL STP in Shiv Colony. Tenders for both are under technical evaluation.

The PHED will set up five mini STPs at Shekhpur Khalsa, Malikpur, Halwana, Khora Kheri, Dholakua Bras and Narayana flowing towards the Yamuna.

"We have focused on the construction of STPs keeping in view the drains and nullahs entering the Yamuna," said Raiya.

DC Anand Kumar Sharma said officials had been directed to ensure timely completion of the projects. Regular monitoring was also being carried out to ensure zero discharge of sewage and industrial effluents into the river.

The Times of India
(4 Oct, 2026)

217 lakh MT waste cleared from 3 sites in 18 mths: CM

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New Delhi: Chief minister Rekha Gupta Saturday inspected the Okhla landfill and said 217.2 lakh metric tonnes of waste had been cleared from Okhla, Bhalswa and Ghaziipur landfill sites over the past 18 months, reclaiming nearly 100 acres of land.

Gupta reviewed the progress of legacy-waste remediation and the status of new waste-processing facilities. She emphasised the need to tackle accumulated waste while simultaneously ensuring scientific processing of the fresh waste generated daily in the city.

"The mountains of garbage that have accumulated in Delhi over the years due to prolonged neglect are now being reduced rapidly through Delhi govt's sustained efforts. Our objective is not only to clear legacy waste but also to scientifically process fresh waste and prevent it from turning into another mountain of garbage. With this objective, the capacity of new processing facilities is being increased," Gupta said.



CM Rekha Gupta

"Over the past 18 months, 217.2 lakh metric tonnes of waste have been disposed of at the Okhla, Bhalswa and Ghaziipur landfill sites. With the commissioning of new plants, the pace of scientific processing and disposal of waste will be further increased," she added.

The chief minister held a review meeting with officials on waste disposal, reclaimed land and the operational readiness of upcoming processing facilities.

Gupta directed officials to strengthen systems for handling fresh municipal waste and ensure that new processing facilities become fully operational at the earliest.

During the visit, Gupta al-

so virtually laid the foundation stones for new waste-processing plants at Okhla, Singhola and Ghaziipur. The projects include facilities with capacities of 1,400 tonnes per day (TPD) at Okhla, 700 TPD at Singhola and 800 TPD at Ghaziipur. She laid the foundation stone for a 300-TPD biogas plant in Ghaziipur for processing biodegradable waste.

"Govt is working simultaneously on increasing processing capacity, scientific waste management, waste-to-resource and renewable energy to make Delhi cleaner and better. Govt is committed to gradually eliminating the mountains of garbage that have been a part of Delhi's identity for years and building a clean, beautiful and sustainable Delhi," she said.

Urban development minister Ashish Sood said Delhi could address its garbage problem by creating waste-processing capacity exceeding the city's daily waste generation. He added that govt was focused on solutions rather than assigning blame for long-standing issues.

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India records 3,723 e-bus sales in April-September, highest ever in H1

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India's electric bus sales jumped 55% in the April-September period to the highest level in the first half of any financial year.

Sales of e-buses reached 3,723 units from a year earlier, pushing their penetration to 8.55% in H1 from 5.47% in H1 FY26, data from the government's Vehicle Registry of new vehicles showed. Overall bus sales fell 0.6% year-on-year to 43,561 units in H1.

"The decline in overall bus sales is marginal, but should

not be ignored," said Shree Gaur, associate director at The Energy and Resources Institute. "Commercial vehicle sales, particularly

trucks, has increased in the month, which can provide an indication of overall economic activity. While it is difficult to pinpoint the reasons without a detailed study, the decline could partly reflect a cyclical effect for the private sector, which accounts for more than 90% of the bus market share."

The increase in e-bus sales marks the gradual progress of electric vehicles in public transportation when adoption of electric two-wheelers, three-wheelers and cars reached 6,545, 60,955 and 4,225, respectively, in FY26, according to the Federation of Automobile Dealers Associations.

The Centre has been pushing for increased adoption of electric trucks and buses, with work starting on a new scheme to provide cheaper loans to private sector bus and truck operators.

This expansion has led to intense competition among e-bus makers, with new-age entrants such as PNM Electric and EKA Mobility bagging major government contracts.

Tata Motors and Ashok Leyland joined smaller players. The expansion of India's e-bus market, the third largest in the world by sales, is driven by government contracts. This is being done with initiatives such as the PM E-Drive scheme, which allocated 14,308 crore for 14,028 e-buses, and the PM E-Bus Scheme with a 120,000 crore central

government support for subsidising the operating cost of 10,000 metro buses.

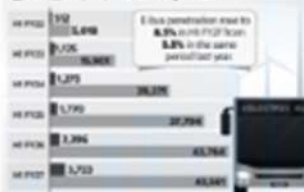
Queries related to the ministry of urban affairs, which administers the PM E-Drive scheme, the ministry of housing and urban affairs, which administers the PM E-Bus scheme, the ministry of road transport and highways, which operates the Voluntary, and e-bus makers PNM Electric, EKA Mobility, BSM Group, BSW GreenTech, Tata Motors, and Ashok Leyland on 4 October remained unanswered.

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The sale of e-buses has increased progressively over the years, even as overall bus sales show signs of slowing.

■ E-bus ■ Bus (Total) ■ Number of registrations



FY20 and FY21 are recovery years from the COVID-19 pandemic. Source: Vehicle registry, ministry of road transport and highways.



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Key News of the Week

The Economic Times
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NBCC Issues ₹9.6kcr Tenders to Complete Supertech Projects

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New Delhi: In a major relief for homebuyers of 16 stalled housing projects by bankrupt builder Supertech, NBCC (India) has floated 25 tenders for ₹9,620.33 crore for construction and related works across the project portfolio.

NBCC was appointed as the project management consultant for completion of these projects by the National Company Law Appellate Tribunal in December 2024, but there has been no progress since then.

The 16 projects, spread across Uttar Pradesh, Haryana, Uttarakhand and Karnataka, comprise nearly 50,962 stalled housing units, of which 39,870 were sold.



Of the homes that were sold, 24,871 were handed over to buyers, while 14,999 have yet to be delivered.

The Supreme Court in February upheld NBCC's mandate, providing the necessary legal certainty for implementation of the completion plan.

"With the commencement of the tendering process for the Supertech projects, NBCC is reinforcing its role as a trusted public-sector implementation agency for completion of distressed real-estate projects," NBCC said in a statement.

"The initiative is expected to help unlock stalled assets, restore homebuyer confidence and facilitate the eventual delivery of homes that have remained incomplete for years," it added.

Completion of work on the sold apartments requires an investment of ₹1,700 crore. Receivables from these units are estimated to be ₹2,200 crore.

The Pioneer
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NDMC opens ₹1 crore community toilet at Jodhpur Mess

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New Delhi

Residents of Pandara Road and surrounding areas got a new community toilet facility on Thursday, with Delhi Minister Parvesh Sahib Singh inaugurating NDMC's largest such facility at Jodhpur Mess under the Seva Sankalp Abhiyan. The minister called cleanliness not merely an amenity but a basic civic right of every citizen.

Built at a cost of approximately ₹1 crore, the facility was developed with NBCC's CSR funds on land provided by NDMC. It includes separate facilities for men and women, CCTV cameras, and provisions for cleanliness, hygiene, safety and security.

Singh said another commitment made to area residents had now been fulfilled, and reaffirmed NDMC's commitment to ensuring clean, safe and improved civic amenities for Delhi's people.

The toilet's inauguration



came as part of a broader day of cleanliness activity across the NDMC area under the nationwide "Ek Din, Ek Ghanta, Ek Saath" initiative, part of the Swachhata Hi Seva 2026 campaign. Union Ministers, senior Government officials, students, traders, residents and Safai Sevaks participated in Shramdaan drives at schools, markets, residential areas and institutional complexes across the area.

Union Minister Kiren Rijiju joined Shramdaan at Navyug School, Peshwa Road, near Gole Market, alongside NDMC Chairman Manoj Kumar Dwivedi, with students and teachers also planting saplings as part of the activity. Rijiju said cleanliness is a shared responsibility that begins with every citizen, and called on youth to make civic sense and environmental responsibility part of everyday life.

Union Minister G. Kishan Reddy participated in Shramdaan at Yashwanth Place, Chanakyaपुरी, with Coal Ministry Secretary Keshav Chandra, along with local traders and residents. Reddy interacted with and felicitated NDMC Safai Sevaks for their daily contribution to maintaining cleanliness.

Singh also took part in Shramdaan at Hanuman Mandir, Connaught Place, appealing to devotees to help keep the temple complex clean. The Ministry of Panchayati Raj participated separately at Baba Kharak Singh Marg, led by the Ministry's Secretary.

In a targeted cleanliness drive, NDMC's Health Department, with Delhi Police and CRPF, organised an effort at the National Police Memorial on Pt. Usha Shankar Dixit Marg, Chanakyaपुरी, where around 120 participants removed approximately 300 kg of waste and silt from the area.

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Delhi gets pollution war room with AI-CCTV monitoring of over 700 construction sites

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New Delhi, October 1

Delhi on Thursday got a new pollution-monitoring "war room" with the launch of the Delhi Pollution Control Committee's (DPCC) Integrated Command and Control Centre (ICCC), which will use AI, CCTV, GPS tracking and real time data to monitor pollution sources and coordinate field action across the city.

Chief Minister Rekha Gupta inaugurated the centre at the Delhi Metro Rail Corporation's IT Park in Shaheed Park, under the Seva Sankalp Campaign. The centre will monitor pollution hotspots, construction sites and field activities while integrating complaints and inspection data to facilitate quicker action by concerned departments.

Gupta said the government's approach would be based on the principle of "Detect, Analyse, Act, Verify", under which pollution-related problems will be identified, analysed, acted upon and subsequently verified. "The focus is not merely on monitoring pollution, but on connecting technology, data and field enforcement so that information is converted into prompt action and measurable outcomes," she said.

The ICCC will provide 24x7 monitoring of more than 700 construction sites covering over 500 square metres through AI and CCTV cameras. Environment Minister Manjinder Singh Sirsa said the system would alert the concerned department and site owner if PM10 levels rise at monitored sites.

Sirsa said the centre had been completed in less than six months and would function as a war room during the winter pollution season. It will also monitor AQI stations, analyse previous years' data and track local pollution sources.

The centre will track GPS-enabled mechanical road sweeping machines, including their locations, routes, operating hours and distance covered. New cameras will also be used to monitor open waste and biomass burning.

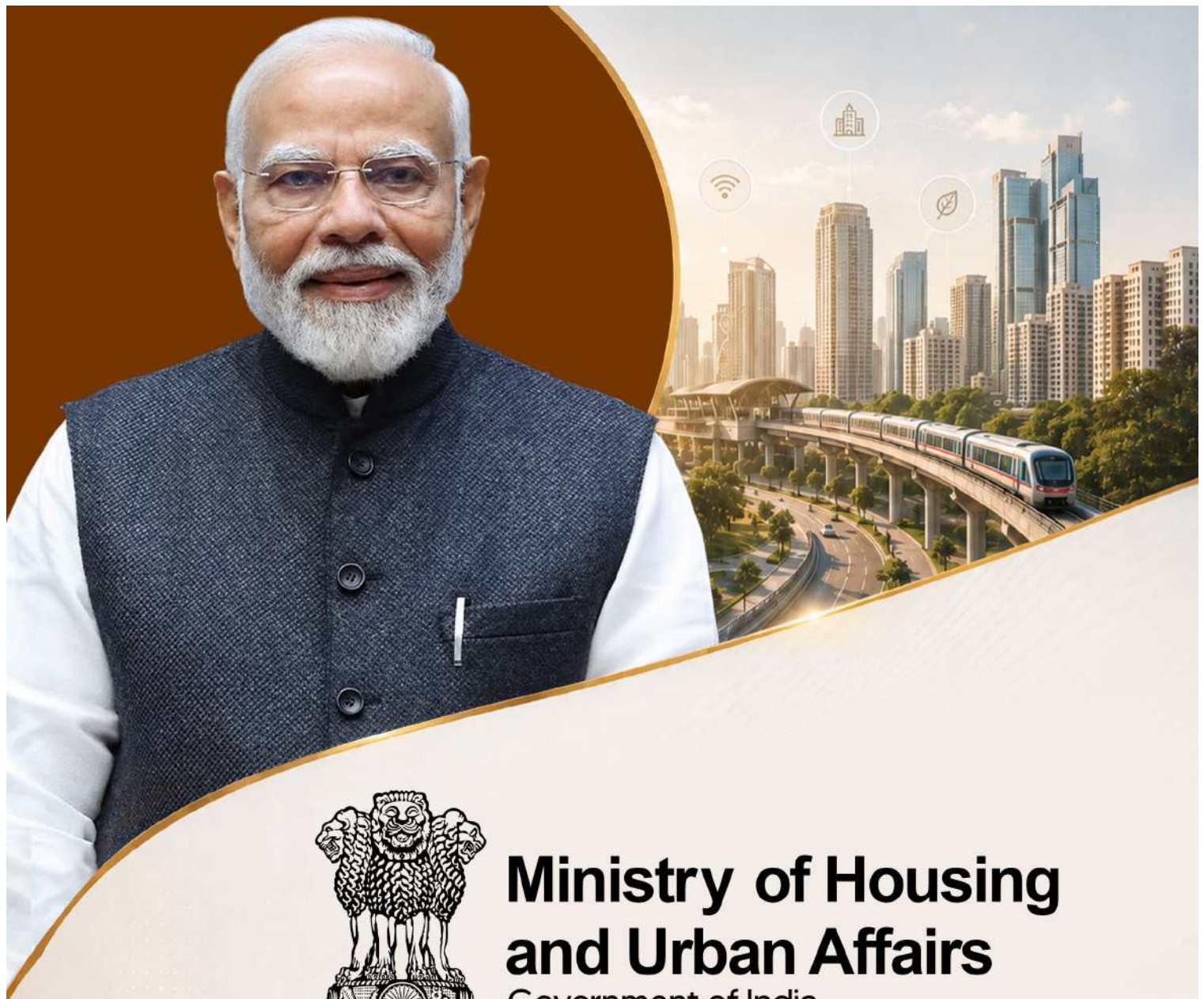
Field enforcement will be linked directly to the command centre. Seventy-eight sub-division-level teams will undertake monitoring and enforcement during winter, with their movements tracked through GPS-enabled vehicles. "Vayudoot" teams involved in identifying pollution-causing activities will use body cameras connected to the ICCC.

Body cameras have also been made mandatory for DPCC officials conducting inspections of industries and other polluting sites, with the government saying this would improve transparency and accountability.

The Chief Minister also launched the "Jan Suggestion" portal, through which citizens can submit pollution-related complaints, suggestions and information about initiatives aimed at reducing pollution.

Sirsa said 72 lakh trees had already been planted against the government's target of 70 lakh. He said officials would be deployed at the ICCC round the clock in shifts during winter.

MLA Arvinder Singh Lowy and other officials were also present at the inauguration.



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