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1. Developed Bastar – Services, Health & Livelihoods

Chief Minister's Healthy Bastar Campaign

- More than 3.4 million people have undergone health screening, and their health profiles have been prepared.
- To address the challenge that the monthly income of 85% of Bastar's families is below ₹15,000, a ₹4,824 crore livelihood enhancement plan has been prepared with the objective of increasing the income of approximately 1 million families.

2. Seva Dera

Launch

- The **first 'Seva Dera' was started at Netanar in Bastar.**
- On **18 May 2026**, the **Shaheed Veer Gundadhur Seva Dera Jan Suvidha Kendra was inaugurated at Netanar.**
- Chief Minister Vishnu Deo Sai, Union Home and Cooperation Minister Amit Shah, Home Minister Vijay Sharma, and Forest & Climate Change Minister Kedar Kashyap were present at the event.
- **Netanar is the birthplace of Shaheed Veer Gundadhur.**

Main Concept of Seva Dera

The objective of Seva Dera is to make various government services available at a single location.

- Through the Common Service Centre, the facility is envisioned to provide benefits under 371 schemes of the Central and State Governments.
- Banking, Aadhaar, ration card and other services will also be available.
- It is being developed as a one-stop rural governance centre.

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From Security Camps to Service Centres

- Approximately **200 security camps** had been established in the Naxal-affected areas of Bastar.
- In the first phase, approximately 70 security camps are being developed as **'Veer Shaheed Gundadhur Seva Dera' centres**.
- The target is to develop these centres within approximately one and a half years.

Priority Areas

- Banking
- Aadhaar
- Ration
- Health
- Agriculture
- Skills
- Government schemes

Seva Dera – Major Services

Sector	Major Facility
Digital Services	Aadhaar, certificates and services related to government schemes
Banking	Government scheme payments, pensions and financial services
Food Security	Ration cards and PDS-related services
Health	Access to primary healthcare services in remote tribal areas

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Agriculture	Advice from the Agriculture Department and guidance on improved farming practices
Livelihoods	PACS, dairy, forest produce and agriculture
Youth	Skill development and employment-oriented training
Women's Empowerment	SHGs, dairy and local livelihood opportunities

Main Goal

- 100% saturation of schemes

Seva Dera and the Local Economy

The plan is to develop Seva Dera not merely as a centre for government schemes but also as a centre for local economic activities.

- There is a plan to link PACS and dairy activities.
- Efforts will be made to connect local livestock farmers with markets through milk collection.
- The goal is to develop a cooperative dairy network in Bastar.

Meaning of Saturation

In the Seva Dera model, saturation means that the actual benefit of the relevant scheme reaches every eligible person.

- An eligible family should receive ration.
- An eligible elderly person should receive a pension.
- An eligible family should receive an Ayushman card.
- An eligible farmer should receive the benefits of agricultural schemes.
- An eligible youth should receive skill training.

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Target: 100% coverage of 371 Central and State Government schemes.

Seva Dera – At a Glance

Aspect	Details
Basic Foundation	Conversion of former security camps into public service centres
First Centre	Netanar, Bastar
Name	Shaheed Veer Gundadhur Seva Dera
First Phase	Approximately 70 security camps
Broader Goal	Phased conversion of approximately 200 security camps
Government Services	371 Central and State schemes
Digital Services	CSC, Aadhaar and various other services
Financial Inclusion	Banking facilities
Food Security	Ration cards and related services
Health	Health services at the local level

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Agriculture	Advice and assistance from the Agriculture Department
Livelihoods	Dairy, PACS, forest produce and agriculture
Youth	Skill development and employment-oriented training
Women's Empowerment	SHGs, dairy and local livelihoods
Core Goal	100% saturation of schemes

Bastar Development Vision

The development strategy follows the sequence:

Security → Trust → Development → Prosperity

- The goal is to see Bastar as a developed region by 2031 and increase people's incomes.
- Seva Dera is presented as a link for taking government services to the last mile, i.e. the village level.

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3. Nua Baat – Rehabilitation & Livelihoods

Meaning of Nua Baat

- **'Nua Baat' means 'New Path'.**
- It is an initiative to connect surrendered Naxals, youth affected by Naxal violence, and people undergoing rehabilitation with the mainstream.

Objectives

- Dignified life
- Skills
- Employment
- Self-reliance

Nua Baat Rehabilitation Centre

- **Location: Adawal, Jagdalpur**
- The **District Project Livelihood College** is also playing an important role here.

Training Includes

- Welding
- Hotel management
- Tourist guide
- Other technical skills

The objective is to ensure that rehabilitation is not limited merely to financial assistance but is connected with skills and livelihoods.

Nua Baat and Bastar Olympics

During the **2025 divisional-level Bastar Olympics**, a special **'Nua Baat' team** was formed for surrendered Naxals and people affected by Naxal violence.

- Approximately 3,500 players participated in the event.

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- More than 700 players were reported to have participated in the 'Nua Baat' category.

Skill Training

On 15 July, interaction was held with youth from training batches at the Livelihood College in:

- Assistant Electrician
- Water Distribution Operator

Emphasis was placed on linking the Water Distribution Operator training with the Jal Jeevan Mission.

Efforts are being made to connect local youth with employment through job fairs.

4. Bastar Road Connectivity

Bastar Roadmap 2.0

- Proposals for **228 new roads**.
- Proposals for 267 bridges.
- Target to complete pending works under the **Pradhan Mantri Gram Sadak Yojana by 2027**.
- The RCPLWEA scheme has been extended until March 2027.

Chief Minister's Rural Bus Service

- Started from remote areas such as **Bastar and Surguja**.
- **First phase launched on 4 October 2025**.
- **34 bus services** started on 34 routes.
- Approximately 250 villages were connected with regular bus services.
- An allocation of **₹10 crore** was made for the **Chief Minister's Bus Service Scheme in the 2026–27 State Budget**.

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5. Railway Development in Chhattisgarh

Railway Project Scenario

As of April 2025:

- **Total railway projects: 26**
- Total length: 1,931 km
- Total cost: ₹31,619 crore
- New railway lines: 6
- Doubling projects: 20
- Commissioned length: 1,023 km
- Expenditure up to March 2025: ₹16,325 crore

Recently Completed Railway Projects

Project	Length	Cost
Durg–Rajnandgaon Doubling	31 km	₹250 crore
Raipur–Titlagarh Doubling	203 km	₹1,171 crore
Bilaspur–Urkura Third Line	110 km	₹365 crore
Kharsia–Kharichhapar New Line	43 km	₹851 crore
Salka Road–Khongsara	26 km	₹181 crore
Bilaspur–Khondri–Anuppur	72 km	₹792 crore

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Champa–Jharsuguda Third Line	152 km	₹1,227 crore
Pendra Road–Anuppur Third Line	50 km	₹394 crore

Railway Projects Started in Chhattisgarh

Project	Length	Cost
Dallirajhara–Rowghat New Line	95 km	₹1,627 crore
Rowghat–Jagdalpur New Line	140 km	₹3,513 crore
Kharsia–Dharamjaigarh New Line	122 km	₹3,438 crore
Gevra Road–Pendra Road New Line	135 km	₹3,724 crore
Dharamjaigarh–Korba New Line	63 km	₹1,686 crore
Sardega–Bhalumunda New Line	37 km	₹1,282 crore
Kirandul–Jagdalpur Doubling	150 km	₹1,500 crore
Jagdalpur–Koraput Doubling	107 km	₹1,547 crore

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Jharsuguda–Bilaspur Fourth Line	206 km	₹2,596 crore
Rajnandgaon–Nagpur Third Line	228 km	₹3,545 crore
Boridand–Anupkumar Doubling	80 km	₹1,243 crore
Rajnandgaon–Dongargarh Fourth Line	31 km	₹328 crore
Bhatapara–Hathbandh New Line	16 km	₹177 crore
Kharsia–Parmalakasa Fifth & Sixth Lines	278 km	₹7,854 crore

6. Agriculture & Farmers

- Farmers are being provided **₹15,000** as input assistance.
- Irrigation projects worth more than **₹11,000 crore** have been approved to increase agricultural productivity.
- **Sikasar–Kodar Canal Linking Project: ₹3,047 crore.**
- Revival of stalled projects under the Atal Irrigation Scheme.
- Proposed barrages on the **Indravati River** are expected to provide irrigation facilities to **32,000 hectares**.
- Remuneration for **tendu-leaf collectors: ₹5,500 per standard bag.**
- The **Charan Paduka Scheme** has been **restarted**.

7. Tourism, Culture & Environment

Chief Minister's Tourism Mission

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- Plan to expand tourism facilities in **Bastar and Surguja**.
- Tribal culture and talent are being recognised through **Bastar Pandum, Bastar Olympics and Surguja Olympics**.
- Efforts are being made to develop **Chitrakote as a global tourist destination**.
- Plan to establish a **Tent City**.
- Efforts to develop **Sirpur** in accordance with **World Heritage standards**.
- A folk-art award has been instituted in memory of **Padma Vibhushan Late Dr. Teejan Bai**.
- Establishment of **Chitrotpala Film City for Chhattisgarhi cinema**.
- Mention of the **discovery of a human settlement** approximately 2,750 years old at **Rewan in Arang**.
- Information has been provided about the plantation of more than 7 crore saplings under the '**Ek Ped Maa Ke Naam**' campaign.
- Pilgrimage journeys have been mentioned through **Ramlala Ayodhya Dham Darshan** and the Chief Minister's Pilgrimage Scheme.

8. Pandum Café

- **Pandum Café started in Jagdalpur in November 2025.**
- Members of families affected by **Naxal violence and former Maoists** who surrendered and returned to the mainstream are working here.
- 14 local people received employment, including 5 surrendered Maoists.
- '**Pandum**' is a word from the **Gondi language** associated with **celebration and community life**.
- The walls of the premises depict **12 Pandums of Bastar** and local traditions.
- During the **national Bastar Pandum event in February 2026**, Bastar's culture, cuisine and traditions received a broad platform.

9. AI Ecosystem in Chhattisgarh

Five Major Pillars of AI

- AI Skill Development

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- Innovation & Startups
- Awareness & Outreach
- Safe & Responsible AI
- Use of AI in Governance

On **1 July 2026**, a review meeting of the Department of Electronics and Information Technology was held at **Mahanadi Bhawan**, chaired by **Chief Minister Vishnu Deo Sai**.

The Review Covered

- AI development and expansion
- Mobile networks
- Internet connectivity
- Seva Setu
- e-Pragati Paras
- Centres of Excellence
- Data Labs
- Digital innovation projects

AI & IT-Related Initiatives

- Expansion of IT parks.
- New technology hubs.
- Promotion of startups.
- Expansion of digital services for e-governance.
- AI, data analytics and cybersecurity-based training for youth.

AI in Education

In schools:

- AI awareness programmes
- AI & Robotics Clubs
- Hackathons

In colleges:

- AI certification
- Grants for student projects

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- AI labs in ITIs
- Centres of Excellence in universities

Promotion of:

- AI Data Labs
- AI-based startups
- Datasets
- Research projects

There is a plan to develop an AI startup ecosystem through Cloud Computing, Seed Funding, and collaboration between industries and academic institutions.

10. Chhattisgarh Ease of Doing Business Bill, 2026

Key Facts

- The Chhattisgarh Legislative Assembly passed the '**Ease of Doing Business Bill, 2026**' in **July 2026**.
- It provides for a Risk-Based and Trust-Based Business Permission System.
- It has been described as the **first such law in the country**.
- The existing **Single Window System 2.0** is also mentioned.
- **43 services of 8 State Government departments** have been included under the risk-based permission system.

Objective of the Bill

- Simplify the procedures for establishing and operating industries and businesses.
- Reduce unnecessary compliances.
- Create a more transparent, faster and enterprise-friendly environment, particularly for MSMEs.

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Risk-Based System

- Industries and business establishments will be classified into different risk categories based on their size and activities.
- Low-risk small businesses will receive simplified and faster approvals.
- Technical examination and time-bound approval will continue for higher-risk projects as before.

Self-Certification & Auto Approval

For low-risk enterprises, instead of repeated departmental inspections:

- Self-Certification
- Certification by a licensed engineer/architect/authorised professional
- Provision to eliminate the mandatory annual renewal of licences/permissions.
- In eligible cases, Auto Approval if the department does not take a decision within the prescribed time limit.
- Technical examination and physical inspection will continue for higher-risk projects.

MSMEs

- More than 1.5 million MSMEs in Chhattisgarh are expected to benefit directly.
- The objective is to reduce the time and cost required to start and operate businesses through simplified rules, self-certification and time-bound services.

Triple-Layer Monitoring

A three-tier monitoring system has been provided for effective implementation of the Bill.

- State level: Committee chaired by the Chief Secretary.
- District level: Committee chaired by the Collector.
- Both committees will function under the guidance of a council chaired by the Chief Minister.

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Arrangements in Other States

State	Highlighted Arrangement
Maharashtra	Single Window System
Gujarat	Investor Helpdesk & Grievance Redressal
Tamil Nadu	MSME policy, financial incentives, subsidies & tax exemptions
Chhattisgarh	Risk-Based Permission, Trust-Based System & Auto Approval

11. From Kawardha to Kabirdham

Administrative History

Year/Period	Status
Around 1895	Kawardha was part of Mandla district
1903–1911	Part of Bilaspur district
1912–1948	Associated with Raipur district
1948	Part of Durg district

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1973	Included in Rajnandgaon district
1 January 1948	Last ruler Lal Dharamraj Singh signed the Instrument of Accession to the Indian Union
2 July 1998	Decision taken to create a new district by combining Kawardha and Pandariya tehsils
6 July 1998	New Kawardha district came into existence
10 March 2003	Kawardha district was renamed Kabirdham

Name Kabirdham

The identity of the region is associated with the tradition of the gaddi (seat) established by the descendants of **Sant Kabir** and his **disciple Dharmdas**.

- **1806:** The eighth guru of the Kabir Panth, Hak Naam Saheb, established the Guru Gaddi at Kawardha.
- Later, the **Guru Gaddi** was shifted to **Damakheda**.
- **10 March 2003:** The Government of Chhattisgarh renamed **Kawardha district as Kabirdham**.

12. National Current Affairs – July 2026

Prahlad Joshi – New Education Minister

- July 2026: The Government of India appointed Prahlad Joshi as the new Education Minister.
- Announcement of the creation of a special task force.

Major Areas

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- Curriculum modernisation
- Making competitive examinations simpler and more transparent
- Digital education
- Priority given to digital classrooms and smart schools in rural areas

India–UK Comprehensive Economic & Trade Agreement

- July 2026: The CETA (Comprehensive Economic and Trade Agreement) between India and the United Kingdom came into effect.
- Reduction in tariffs on several goods.
- Opportunities for Indian industries in the UK market.
- Social security provisions were mentioned.

INS Mahendragiri

- July 2026: INS Mahendragiri was inducted into the Indian Navy.
- Location: Visakhapatnam
- It is an advanced stealth frigate.
- Equipped with modern radar, missile systems and combat technology.
- Indigenous technology was used in its construction.

Ships in the Same Series

- INS Nilgiri — January 2025
- INS Udaygiri — August 2025
- INS Himgiri — August 2025
- INS Taragiri — April 2026
- INS Dunagiri — June 2026

India's First Direct Commercial Container Freight Train Reaches Nepal

- July 2026: India's first direct commercial container freight train reached Biratnagar, Nepal.
- The train had 40 wagons.
- Cargo: Canola

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- Operated under the revised India–Nepal Rail Transit Protocol.
- Container freight train operated directly from Kolkata Port to Biratnagar.

FIFA Men's World Cup 2026

- **23rd edition**
- **Hosts: United States, Canada and Mexico**
- **First World Cup jointly hosted by three countries.**

Official Mascots

- Maple — Canada
- Zayu — Mexico
- Clutch — United States

Official Match Ball

Adidas Trionda

- Spain defeated Argentina in the final to win the title.

India's 21st Designated Repository

- **July 2026: Mizoram's Natural History Museum** was declared India's 21st designated repository.
- Notification issued under the **Biological Diversity Act, 2002**.
- The museum was **established in 2022** under Mizoram University.
- It is located in the **Indo-Burma Biodiversity Hotspot**.
- Its collection includes specimens of pteridophytes, macrofungi, reptiles, amphibians, fish, moths, beetles and butterflies.

Samudra Manthan Scheme

- **31 July 2026:** The Government of India approved “Samudra Manthan – National Offshore Exploration Scheme.”
- It is a **Central Sector Scheme**.
- **Implementing ministry:** Ministry of Petroleum and Natural Gas

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- Budget: ₹84,084 crore
- Duration: Up to Financial Year 2030–31

Major Activities

- Large-scale seismic data collection
- Deepwater and ultra-deepwater drilling
- Development of offshore infrastructure

13. Chhattisgarh Receives GEM Sustainable Procurement Award

- Chhattisgarh received the GEM Sustainable Procurement Award at the 10th Foundation Day celebration of the Government e-Marketplace.
- Category: Premier Awards – State Government Felicitations
- The award was given for effective use of GEM and an increase in government procurement.
- During FY 2025–26, Chhattisgarh's government procurement through GEM amounted to ₹3,935 crore.
- This represented a 113% increase compared with the previous financial year.

14. Kaushal Fab

- Chief Minister Vishnu Deo Sai launched 'Kaushal Fab', the premium handloom brand of the Chhattisgarh State Handloom Federation.
- The logo and catalogue were released.
- A Handloom Inventory Management Software was also launched.
- Event venue: Pandit Deendayal Upadhyay Auditorium, Raipur.
- Surrendered Naxal women from Bastar showcased Kosa silk and other handloom garments in an indigenous fashion show.

15. 72nd National Film Awards

The 72nd National Film Awards were announced in July 2026.

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- **Best Film:** Article 370
- **Best Actor:**
 - Mammooty — Bramayugam
 - Kartik Aaryan — Chandu Champion
- **Best Actress:** Yami Gautam — Article 370
- **Best Non-Feature Film:** Bhangar by Sumeera Roy
- **Best Documentary:** Documentary “**Ramnami**” by **Bharatbala Ganapathy**
- **Best Short Film:** Hamsafar (Marathi)

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Important Dates

- **18 May 2026** — Shaheed Veer Gundadhur Seva Dera launched at Netanar.
- **4 October 2025** — First phase of the Chief Minister's Rural Bus Service.
- **15 July** — Interaction with youth from the training batch at the Livelihood College.
- **1 July 2026** — Review meeting of the AI & IT Department.
- **10 March 2003** — Kawardha district renamed Kabirdham.
- **1 January 1948** — Lal Dharamraj Singh signed the Instrument of Accession to the Indian Union.
- **2 July 1998** — Decision to create the new Kawardha district.
- **6 July 1998** — New Kawardha district came into existence.
- **31 July 2026** — Samudra Manthan Scheme approved.

Important Places

- **Netanar** — First Seva Dera; birthplace of Veer Gundadhur.
- **Adawal, Jagdalpur** — Nua Baat Rehabilitation Centre.
- **Chitrakote** — Tourism development.
- **Sirpur** — Development according to World Heritage standards.
- **Rewan, Arang** — Human settlement approximately 2,750 years old.
- **Kawardha/Kabirdham** — Administrative and Kabir Panth history.
- **Visakhapatnam** — INS Mahendragiri.

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- **Biratnagar, Nepal** — Destination of India's first direct commercial container freight train.
- **Mizoram** — 21st designated repository.

Most Important One-Liners for Exams

- **First Seva Dera — Netanar, Bastar.**
 - Schemes connected with Seva Dera — **371**.
 - Seva Dera in the first phase — Approximately 70 security camps.
 - Broader target — Phased conversion of approximately 200 security camps.
- **Meaning of Nua Baat — New Path.**
 - **Nua Baat Rehabilitation Centre — Adawal, Jagdalpur.**
- **Bastar Roadmap 2.0** — 228 roads and 267 bridges proposed.
 - First phase of Chief Minister's Rural Bus Service — 4 October 2025.
- **Railway projects in Chhattisgarh — 26**; total length 1,931 km.
- **Sikasar–Kodar Canal Linking Project** — ₹3,047 crore.
- **Tendu-leaf remuneration** — ₹5,500 per standard bag.
- **Pandum Café — Jagdalpur**; started in November 2025.
- **Five pillars of AI** — Skills, Innovation/Startups, Awareness/Outreach, Safe & Responsible AI, and AI in Governance.
- **Ease of Doing Business Bill — 2026.**
 - Risk-Based + Trust-Based Business Permission System — Chhattisgarh.
 - Services under the risk-based system — 43 services of 8 departments.
 - MSMEs — More than 1.5 million.
- **Kawardha renamed Kabirdham** — 10 March 2003.
- **India's 21st designated repository** — Natural History Museum, Mizoram.
- **Samudra Manthan Scheme** — ₹84,084 crore; approved on 31 July 2026.
- **GEM Sustainable Procurement Award** — Chhattisgarh.
 - GEM procurement in 2025–26 — ₹3,935 crore.
- **Kaushal Fab** — Premium handloom brand of Chhattisgarh.

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