PWD clears 1,572 projects worth Rs 12,666 Cr : Dy CM Sao

PIONEER NEWS SERVICE
Raipur

The Chhattisgarh Public Works Department (PWD) has received administrative approval for 1,572 infrastructure projects worth more than Rs 12,666 crore in the two-and-a-half years since the BJP government came to power in the state, Deputy Chief Minister Arun Sao said on Wednesday.

The approved projects include 1,285 roads, 247 bridges and 42 buildings, Sao, who also holds the Public Works portfolio, said at a press conference at the Chhattisgarh Samvad auditorium in Nava Raipur. He said the department received approval for 80 projects worth Rs 551.42 crore between December 2023 and March 2024. These included 72 road projects covering 374 km, six bridges and two buildings. In 2024-25, administrative approval was granted for 438 projects worth Rs 2,590.70 crore, including 400 road projects covering 1,465 km, 37 bridges and one building, he said. The 2025-26 financial year was a landmark year for the department, with approvals worth Rs 9,129.18 crore granted for 993 projects, the highest annual amount sanctioned to the PWD since the formation of Chhattisgarh 25 years ago, Sao said.The approvals in 2025-26 covered 754 road projects with a combined length of 5,129.60 km, 200 bridges and 39 buildings, he said.In the current financial year, administrative approval worth Rs 608 crore had been granted as of August 10 for 59 road projects covering 608.20 km and two bridges, Sao said.The deputy chief minister said the government had also taken steps to strengthen the administrative structure of the PWD. Seven new divisional offices and 12 sub-divisional offices have been established to improve monitoring and expedite implementation of sanctioned projects. The department is also working on resolving pending cases related to compassionate appointments, he said. Sao said the Work and Accounts Monitoring Integration System (WAMIS) would soon be introduced in the PWD to make its functioning more transparent, technology-driven and efficient.

Under the system, processes from preparation of detailed project reports to project approval and execution will be integrated on an online platform, reducing procedural delays and speeding up implementation, he said.PWD Secretary Mukesh Kumar Bansal, Engineer-in-Chief V K Bhatpahari and Additional Secretary S N Srivastava were also present at the press conference.Sao said the department was working to accelerate infrastructure development in the state with the guiding principle of "Building Chhattisgarh through Public Works".

Farmers receive over Rs 904 Cr in loans in 2026 : Kedar Kashyap

PIONEER NEWS SERVICE
Bilaspur

Farmers in Chhattisgarh have received loans worth more than Rs 904 crore this year, Cooperation Minister Kedar Kashyap said on Wednesday while reviewing the functioning of the Bilaspur District Cooperative Central Bank.

Kashyap, who also holds the Forest and Climate Change and Transport portfolios, chaired the review meeting at the bank's conference hall and directed officials to ensure timely credit and other facilities for farmers. According to officials, cash loans amounting to Rs 732.07 crore and loans in kind worth Rs 172.73 crore were distributed to farmers in 2026, taking the total credit disbursal to more than Rs 904.80 crore.The minister directed officials to ensure 100 per cent implementation of Central and state government schemes aimed at benefiting farmers and further improve the services provided by cooperative banks.He said Primary Agricultural Credit Societies (PACS) were being computerised to strengthen cooperative institutions, improve transparency and ensure easier access to crop loans and digital services for farmers.Kashyap directed officials to complete data entry and computerisation of all PACS by August 31, warning that negligence in the process would not be tolerated.The minister also directed officials to provide basic infrastructure and other necessary facilities at 47 newly opened cooperative societies across five districts. Bilaspur alone has 16 of these societies, officials said.While reviewing the 'Sahkar Se Samriddhi' scheme, Kashyap called for promoting economic activities among farmers and in rural areas through cooperatives and ensuring effective implementation of various schemes. He also reviewed the status of Common Service Centres and directed officials to ensure that IDs were generated at all such centres.

The minister instructed officials to ensure time-bound implementation of the 'Ann Bhandaran Yojana' and expedite the completion of incomplete warehouses. He directed the Housing Board and other concerned officials to complete the pending construction works so that the facilities could be put to use by farmers and cooperative societies.

Kashyap also called for wider publicity of the Kisan Credit Card scheme and a dedicated campaign to bring the maximum number of eligible farmers under its coverage.

The meeting also reviewed loan distribution committees, short-term agricultural loans, interest subvention, micro-ATMs and pending cases registered through the CM Helpline. The minister directed officials to resolve pending matters within the stipulated time and ensure easy access to cooperative services for farmers.

District Cooperative Central Bank chairman Rajnish Singh, vice-chairperson Rajni Sahu, chief executive officer Prabhat Mishra, nodal officer Ashish Dubey and other officials and staff attended the meeting.

CS directs faster rollout of PNG network across state

PIONEER NEWS SERVICE
Raipur

Chhattisgarh Chief Secretary Vikas Sheel on Wednesday directed officials to expedite the development of infrastructure for pipeline-based natural gas distribution in urban areas of the state, an official statement said.

She was chairing a meeting of the State-Level Monitoring Committee constituted under the Chhattisgarh Urban Gas Distribution (CGD) Policy at Mantralaya Mahanadi Bhawan here.The meeting focused on implementing an action plan for developing infrastructure for city gas distribution and promoting the use of pipeline-based natural gas for domestic, industrial and commercial purposes.The chief secretary directed officials to prepare and implement a plan for developing piped natural gas (PNG) infrastructure in government residential colonies, schools, colleges, hostels, hospitals, housing complexes, government institutions, townships, central kitchens and canteens.The expansion of PNG infrastructure will help strengthen the natural gas distribution network in the state and promote the use of cleaner fuel, thereby reducing pollution in the domestic, industrial and transport sectors, the statement said.The meeting also discussed expansion of the gas distribution network, development of supporting infrastructure, coordination among departments and measures to ensure safe and accessible gas supplies to consumers.She directed officials to examine all aspects of the policy and take necessary steps for its effective implementation, while stressing the need for better coordination among departments.The committee also discussed training, capacity building and skill development programmes for plumbers and field technicians across the state to strengthen technical manpower required for the expanding gas distribution network.Food, Civil Supplies and Consumer Protection Secretary Reena Baba Saheb Kangale, Transport Secretary S Prakash, Housing and Environment Secretary Ankit Anand, Revenue Secretary Shammi Abidi and Panchayat and Rural Development Secretary Bhim Singh attended the meeting.

Officials from the Water Resources, Public Works, Urban Development, Environment Conservation Board, and Forest and Climate Change departments, besides representatives of the Petroleum and Natural Gas Regulatory Board, Petroleum and Explosives Safety Organisation, public sector oil companies and authorised entities, also participated in the meeting.

Cops suspended for inaction after seizing truck with illegal scrap

PIONEER NEWS SERVICE
korba

Four police personnel have been suspended in Chhattisgarh's Korba district for allegedly failing to initiate legal proceedings after seizing a truck carrying illegal scrap, officials said on Wednesday.

Korba Superintendent of Police Siddharth Tiwari on Monday suspended Inspector M B Patel, the station house officer of Katghora police station, and his subordinates, assistant sub-inspector Ram Pandey and constables Pushpendra Kurre and Suresh Tanwar, for alleged suspicious conduct in a scrap-related case, they said.

The Katghora police had intercepted and seized a truck carrying scrap in the area last week. However, they failed to take any legal action for three days, an official said.

Meanwhile, a complaint was received claiming that the matter was being settled through monetary transactions, he said.

The SP immediately assigned Katghora Sub-Divisional Officer of Police Vijay Rajput to conduct an inquiry, and action was taken against the four cops based on the preliminary findings.

Further investigation into the matter is underway, he added.

'Drishya Samvad 2026' captures Chhattisgarh in images

PIONEER NEWS SERVICE
Raipur

Chhattisgarh Health Minister Shyam Bihari Jaiswal on Wednesday inaugurated a three-day photo exhibition organised by the Raipur Press Club to mark World Photography Day. The exhibition, titled 'Drishya Samvad 2026', features photographs taken by press photojournalists as well as professional and amateur photographers, showcasing the state's nature, culture, traditions and issues of public interest.The exhibition has been divided into three categories -- 'Nature and Environment', 'Culture and Tradition' and 'News and Public Interest'. More than 35 photographers are participating in the open category introduced this year for professional and amateur photographers who are not members of the Press Club.

After viewing the exhibition, Jaiswal praised the role of photojournalists and said photography was not merely about capturing images but also an art and a responsibility to preserve moments for history.

He said photojournalists often have to make quick decisions at the scene about the right moment and angle, adding that a powerful photograph can convey a message instantly that may otherwise require extensive written description. Jaiswal said organising the exhibition on World Photography Day was a commendable initiative as it provided a platform for young and amateur photographers while allowing the experience of senior photojournalists to reach the younger generation.Raipur Press Club president Mohan Tiwari said 'Drishya Samvad' was an effort to engage with society and contemporary issues through photographs.

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This is to inform the general public that I, Amar Nanhet, son of the late Bhagwan Das Nanhet, resident of H. No. 40/574, Shastri Bazaar, Banstala, Raipur (Chhattisgarh), Pin Code 492001, hereby swear that I have renounced my old name and have adopted the new name Amar Kumar Nanhet. Therefore, from today onwards, I will be known by my new name Amar Kumar Nanhet in all government, semi-government, and other documents.

Amar Kumar Nanhet
Raipur (Chhattisgarh)

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Govt orders fast-track probe into alleged fake disability certificates

PIONEER NEWS SERVICE
Raipur

The Chhattisgarh government has decided to expedite investigations into cases involving 186 government employees who allegedly secured jobs using fake disability certificates, officials said on Wednesday.

The decision was taken at a joint meeting of Social Welfare Minister Lakshmi Rajwade and Health Minister Shyam Bihari Jaiswal at Mahanadi Bhawan in Nava Raipur. The cases will be examined by the State Medical Board or Divisional Medical Boards in accordance with guidelines issued by the General Administration Department, officials said.

The concerned employees will be directed to appear before the medical boards for physical assessment of their disabilities within the stipulated timeframe. Reports will be submitted after completion of the investigations, they said.The meeting also discussed measures to streamline the issuance of disability certificates and Unique Disability Identity (UDID) cards to eligible persons with disabilities.The ministers stressed the need to ensure the availability of specialist doctors on medical boards and organise special medical boards and disability assessment camps in remote and rural areas to provide certificates and UDID cards in a time-bound manner. Officials said temporary and permanent disability certificates would be issued in accordance with criteria prescribed by the Centre. The meeting also agreed to utilise specialist doctors from the private sector if there was a shortage of specialists on medical boards.The ministers also reviewed welfare measures for the transgender community, including state assistance for sex reassignment surgery (SRS). Discussions were held on including necessary surgical procedures under the SRS assistance scheme and revising the prescribed rates in line with prevailing market rates.The meeting also considered establishing dedicated transgender clinics or wards in government hospitals across the state to improve healthcare facilities for the community.The functioning of de-addiction centres run by the Social Welfare Department was also reviewed. Officials examined the registration and affiliation of these centres with the Mental Health Authority to ensure compliance with the Mental Healthcare Act, 2017.

Minor raped by father; fake papers used to facilitate delivery, sell her baby; 8 held

PIONEER NEWS SERVICE
Raipur

A minor girl was allegedly repeatedly raped and impregnated by her father, who later arranged her delivery at a hospital by using forged documents to show her as an adult and married, in Chhattisgarh capital Raipur, police said on Wednesday. The newborn son of the 16-year-old girl, who had also allegedly been forced to undergo an abortion on one occasion, was later sold to another person, they said.After the matter came to light on Monday, eight persons, including the teenager's father, aunt and a nurse, have so far been arrested in connection with the case, they said.The alleged abuse began in 2023 after the minor's mother separated from her husband, leaving their three daughters with him, a police official said.According to the complaint, the 38-year-old father allegedly raped the girl, the eldest of the three sisters, at the house of a relative within the jurisdiction of the New Rajendra Nagar police station in 2023 and threatened to kill her if she disclosed the incident to anyone.The accused allegedly continued sexually abusing her, following which she became pregnant, the official said.

When the girl told her aunt (father's sister) about the pregnancy, the aunt informed the accused. He assaulted the girl, got abortion pills with the help of the aunt and forced his daughter to consume the medicine, resulting in a miscarriage, the official said.The man allegedly continued to abuse her, and she again got pregnant in 2025, following which he took her to the house of a nurse identified as Varsha Mandal, the official said.Mandal sent the girl to the house of her acquaintance Geeta Rai, also a nurse, where the survivor stayed for around two months, he said.Rai allegedly concealed the girl's age, portrayed her as an adult and married, and got her admitted to a private hospital in Raipur's Dangania area using forged documents, including a fake Aadhaar card, the official said.

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