

Cabinet Initiatives

- **Production Linked Incentive (PLI) Scheme 1.2 for Specialty Steel**
 - The Third Round of this scheme was launched on November 4, 2025.
 - The total outlay for the scheme is **₹6,322 crore**.
- **Employees' Enrolment Scheme (EES) 2025**
 - Launched by the Ministry of Labour and Employment, this scheme is operational from **November 1, 2025, to April 30, 2026**.
 - It allows employers to voluntarily register and declare employees engaged between July 1, 2017, and October 31, 2025, who were previously uncovered under the Employees' Provident Fund (EPF) Act.
- **Ex-Servicemen Welfare Grants**
 - A **100% increase** in welfare grants for Ex-Servicemen and their dependents was approved, effective **November 1, 2025**.
 - The Penury Grant was doubled to **₹8,000 per month** (from ₹4,000).
 - The Marriage Grant was doubled to **₹1 lakh**.
 - The annual financial impact of the increase is **₹257 crore**, funded through the Armed Forces Flag Day Fund (AFFDF).
- **Union Cabinet Decisions (October 2025)**
 - **Dearness Allowance (DA) and Dearness Relief (DR)**: Approved a **3% increase** (from 55% to 58%), effective from **July 1, 2025**.
 - **Fertilizer Subsidy**: Approved **₹37,952 crore** for the ongoing Rabi (winter) crop 2025.
 - **Critical Mineral Rationalisation**: Approved the **rationalisation of royalty rates** for four critical minerals: **graphite, caesium, rubidium, and zirconium**.
- **Critical Mineral Recycling Incentive Scheme**
 - Launched by the Ministry of Mines under the National Critical Minerals Mission (NCMM) with a total outlay of **₹1,485 crore**.
 - The scheme aims to promote the recycling and reuse of critical minerals to strengthen India's supply chain resilience for clean energy and electronics manufacturing.
- **Shipbuilding and Maritime Industry Revival Package**
 - The Union Cabinet approved a package with a total outlay of **₹69,725 crore**.
 - The Shipbuilding Financial Assistance Scheme was extended until **March 31, 2036**.
 - The package includes support for a Shipbuilding Cluster Development Programme (**₹9,930 crore** for greenfield and **₹8,261 crore** for brownfield projects).
- **Promotion and Regulation of Online Gaming Act, 2025**
 - Approved by the Union Cabinet and effective from **October 1, 2025**.
 - The Act promotes e-sports as a legitimate sport while regulating online gaming and banning money gaming.
 - Penalties for offering money gaming include **3 years jail or ₹1 crore fine** or both.
- **Revamped Stand-Up India Scheme**
 - The scheme is set to launch by **September 2025**.
 - The loan limit for greenfield projects (in manufacturing, services, or trading) for Scheduled Commercial Banks (SCBs) was **doubled to ₹2 crore** (from ₹1 crore).
 - The scheme supports **5 lakh first-time borrowers**.
 - The repayment period is **7 years with an 18-month moratorium**.
- **PM Mega Integrated Textile Region and Apparel (PM MITRA) Parks Scheme**
 - The total outlay is **₹4,445 crore** until **Financial Year 2027–2028**.
 - Seven sites have been finalized across various states (Virudhnagar, Warangal, Navsari, Kalaburagi, Dhar, Lucknow, Amravati).

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- The goal is to attract **₹70,000 crore** investment and create **20 lakh jobs**.
- **Medical Education Expansion**
 - Cabinet approved the expansion plan for the period **2025–2029** with an outlay of **₹15,034.50 crore**.
 - The expansion targets adding **5,000 new Postgraduate (PG) seats** and **5,023 new Bachelor of Medicine, Bachelor of Surgery (MBBS) seats**.
- **Pharmaceuticals Research and Innovation Programme (PRIP)**
 - Announced with an outlay of **₹5,000 crore for 5 years** to boost innovation in the pharma and MedTech sectors.
- **Pradhan Mantri Street Vendor's Atmanirbhar Nidhi (PM SVANidhi) Scheme 2.0**
 - The scheme has been extended until **March 2030**.
 - The approved outlay is **₹7,332 crore**.
 - The loans are provided in tranches of **₹15,000, ₹25,000, and ₹50,000**.
- **Mission Sudarshan Chakra**
 - Announced by the Prime Minister as a **decade-long national security mission**.
 - It targets achieving **indigenous aerial defence by 2035**.
- **Pradhan Mantri Viksit Bharat Rozgar Yojana (PM-VBRY)**
 - The budget allocation is **₹1 lakh crore**.
 - The scheme aims to generate **3.5 crore jobs** between **August 2025 and July 2027**.
 - **Part B** of the scheme provides a **₹3,000 per month** subsidy to employers hiring additional employees for four years in the manufacturing sector.
- **Multidisciplinary Education and Research Improvement and Technical Education (MERITE) Scheme**
 - Approved with an outlay of **₹4,200 crore**.
 - The scheme targets **275 technical institutions**.
 - It includes a **₹2,100 crore** loan from the World Bank.
- **Pradhan Mantri Kisan Sampada Yojana (PMKSY)**
 - Cabinet approved a total outlay of **₹6,520 crore** for the **2021–2026 cycle**.
 - This includes an **additional outlay of ₹1,920 crore**.
 - The components include establishing **50 irradiation units** (under Indian Cold Chain Value Addition Infrastructure (ICCVAI)) and **100 National Accreditation Board for Testing and Calibration Laboratories (NABL)-accredited food testing labs** (under Food Safety and Quality Assurance Infrastructure (FSQAI)).
- **Pradhan Mantri Electric Drive Revolution in Innovative Vehicle Enhancement (PM E-DRIVE) Scheme**
 - Extended from March 2026 to **March 2028**.
 - The total outlay is **₹10,900 crore** (subsidies ₹3,679 crore, capital grants ₹7,221 crore), with **no additional allocation** for the extension.
 - The scheme supports electric two-wheelers, electric three-wheelers, electric buses, electric ambulances, electric trucks, and charging infrastructure.
 - Guidelines for deploying **72,300 Electric Vehicle (EV) charging stations** were issued.
- **Research, Development & Innovation (RDI) Scheme / Anusandhan National Research Fund**
 - Union Cabinet approved this scheme with a total outlay of **₹1 lakh crore**.
 - The scheme focuses on supporting high-risk, high-impact research projects.
 - It includes establishing **25,000 additional Atal Tinkering Labs** and **10,000 new Prime Minister Research Fellowships (PMRF)**.
- **Employment Linked Incentive (ELI) Scheme**
 - The scheme was approved with a total outlay of **₹99,446 crore**.
 - Duration is **2025–2027**.
 - The goal is to generate **3.5 crore jobs** in the formal sector.
 - **Part A** provides an incentive for first-time employment (up to **₹15,000**).

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- **Part B** provides an incentive for sustained jobs (**₹3,000 per month** per employee).
- **Prime Minister Dhan-Dhaanya Krishi Yojana (PMDDKY)**
 - Cabinet approved this scheme with an annual budget of **₹24,000 crore**.
 - The duration is **6 years** (Financial Year 2025–26 to 2030–31).
 - It aims to revitalize **100 aspirational agriculture districts**.
 - Implementation involves the convergence of 36 central schemes.
 - The scheme will be monitored using **117 Key Performance Indicators (KPIs)**.
- **National Sports Policy (NSP) 2025**
 - The Union Cabinet approved the National Sports Policy ("Khelo Bharat Niti 2025") on **July 1, 2025**.
 - This policy supersedes the National Sports Policy 2001.
- **India AI Mission**
 - The Union Cabinet approved this mission with a total outlay of **₹10,371.92 crore** (for five years).
 - The goal is to build a robust Artificial Intelligence (AI) ecosystem and make India a global leader in AI.
 - It includes seven pillars: Compute, Application, AIKosh (dataset platform), Foundation Models, Future Skills, Startup Financing, and Safe & Trusted AI.
- **Vibrant Villages Programme – Phase II (VVP-II)**
 - Approved by the Union Cabinet, this phase has a budget of **₹6,839 crore**.
 - It covers villages in 17 states.
 - Phase I was previously approved in February 2023 for the Financial Year 2022–2026 with an outlay of **₹4,800 crore**.
- **National Scheme for Industrial Training Institute (ITI) Upgradation**
 - Approved by the Cabinet as a Centrally Sponsored Scheme with an outlay of **₹60,000 crore**.
 - The aim is to upgrade **1,000 Industrial Training Institutes (ITIs)** into globally competitive Centres of Excellence.
 - The funding includes: **₹30,000 crore** from the Centre, **₹20,000 crore** from State Governments, and **₹10,000 crore** from external agencies like the Asian Development Bank (ADB) and World Bank.
- **Pradhan Mantri Janjati Adivasi Nyaya Maha Abhiyan (PM JANMAN)**
 - The scheme period is **2023–2024 to 2025–2026**.
 - The total outlay is **₹24,104 crore** for the socio-economic upliftment of 75 Particularly Vulnerable Tribal Groups (PVTGs).
 - It focuses on 11 interventions including housing, education, and health.
- **Pradhan Mantri Surya Ghar – Muft Bijli Yojana (PMSG:MBY)**
 - Launched on **February 15, 2024**.
 - Total outlay is **₹75,021 crore** until **Financial Year 2026–2027**.
 - The aim is to provide **free electricity up to 300 units per month** for **1 crore families**.
 - It provides a subsidy of **40% of the solar panel installation cost**.
- **Pradhan Mantri Matsya Sampada Yojana (PMMSY)**
 - The scheme was launched in **2020**.
 - The total investment for the **2020–2025** period is **₹20,050 crore**.
 - The scheme aims for the Blue Revolution, targeting **55 lakh jobs** and doubling fisher incomes.
 - India's first deep-sea fishing vessels were inaugurated under this scheme.