



# Rajasthan's Baran Gets Benefit of Centre's Road Scheme

## Why in News?

The tribal-dominated **Baran district in Rajasthan** will get the benefit of the Centre's scheme for [Particularly Vulnerable Tribal Groups \(PVTGs\)](#) with the construction of 16 all-weather roads in the region.

- **38 habitations of the indigenous Saharia tribals will be connected with the road network** after the completion of the work.

## Key Points

- According to Deputy Chief Minister Diya Kumari, there are **seven approved categories of construction**, which will pave the way **for execution of public works worth ₹5,000 crore** for **constructing roads across the State**.
- The **new roads will include the national highways**, [Prime Minister's Gram Sadak Yojana](#), and the **roads of the Rajasthan State Highways Authority and the Central Road and Infrastructure Fund (CIRF)**.
- The **23.24-km-long roads** will be **constructed** at a cost of **₹18.23 crore in Baran district's Kishanganj and Shahbad panchayat samitis**.
  - Prime Minister Narendra Modi had interacted virtually with the beneficiaries of the scheme and released the first installment of financial assistance for constructing houses.
- **The Public Works Department (PWD)** is instructed to start the construction work in the seven approved categories, which would include the roads and buildings covered in the [Centrally funded schemes](#).
- The **partial advance** has been deposited **for the roads around Pachpadra oil refinery in Barmer district and Cairn Oil and Gas Vedanta Limited in western Rajasthan**.

## Saharia tribe

- The Sahar, Sehariya, or Sahariya is an **ethnic group in the state of Madhya Pradesh and some districts of Rajasthan**.
  - They are classified as PVTGs.
- The Sahariya community **considers every adult member part of a governing council which is headed by a patel**.
  - They are **expert woodsmen and forest product gatherers**.
  - They are **particularly skilled in making catechu** (extract of acacia trees used variously as a food additive, dye, etc) **from Khair trees**.

## Central Road Infrastructure Fund (CRIF)

- The CRIF (earlier known as Central Road Fund) was **established under Central Road Fund Act, 2000**.
- The fund **comprises a cess imposed along with excise duty on petrol and diesel**.
- The administrative control of the CRIF **falls under the Ministry of Finance**.
  - Earlier it was **under the domain of the Ministry of Road Transport and Highways**.

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