

Govt approves Rs 26,275 cr scheme for continuation of police modernisation

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The Modi government has approved the continuation of a mega police modernisation scheme for five years up to 2025-26 with a financial outlay of Rs 26,275 crore.

The Union Home Ministry said the scheme includes security-related expenditure in Jammu and Kashmir, northeastern states and Maoists-affected areas, for raising new battalions, developing high-tech forensic laboratories and other investigation tools.

Key Highlights

- The government under the leadership of Prime Minister Narendra Modi has approved the continuation of the umbrella scheme of Modernisation of Police Forces (MPF), an official statement said.
- The approval for the period from 2021-22 to 2025-26 moves forward the initiative of Union Home Minister Amit Shah to modernize and improve the functioning of the police forces of states and union territories, it said.
- This scheme comprises all relevant sub-schemes that contribute to the modernisation

and improvement with a total central financial outlay of Rs 26,275 crore, the statement said.

- It said provision has been made under the scheme for internal security, law and order and adoption of modern technology by police.
- Assistance will be given to states for narcotics control and strengthening the criminal justice system by developing a robust forensic set-up in the country.
- A central outlay of Rs 18,839 crore has been earmarked for security-related expenditure in Jammu and Kashmir, insurgency affected northeastern states and Left Wing Extremism (LWE) affected areas.

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