

# PM Modi tells DMs to focus on time-bound delivery of govt programmes to felicitate ease of living

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NEW DELHI: Citing success stories from “aspirational” districts, Prime Minister

The PM stressed time-bound targets for taking roads to all the villages of the districts, [ayushman cards](#), [bank account](#) to every person, [Ujjwala gas connection](#), [insurance pension and housing](#) for everyone.

“Aspirational districts are now eliminating the barriers to the progress of the country. They have become accelerators for growth instead of impediments,” he said while interacting with DMs across the country as he detailed success stories in aspirational districts.

He referred to the sharp increase in enrollment of pregnant women in government-run health programmes from 37% to 97% in Chattarpur district in Madhya Pradesh, the increase in institutional delivery in Arunachal’s Namsai district, Mewat in Haryana and Dhalai in Tripura among others.

The PM said several ministries and departments of the government have prepared a list of 142 districts which are weak on one or two parameters and emphasised the need to work with the same collective approach as is being done in the aspirational districts. “This is a new challenge for all the governments — the Government of India, the state governments, the district administrations, and the government machinery. Now we have to complete this challenge together,” said Modi.

The Centre and states will work together to uplift these identified districts to address the pockets of under-development and 15 sectors linked to 15 ministries and departments were identified. The PM said the country is witnessing a silent revolution in the form of [Digital India](#) and no district should be left behind in this. He stressed the importance for digital infrastructure reaching every village and becoming a means of door-step delivery of services and facilities.

He asked [Niti Aayog](#) to devise a mode of regular interaction between the DMs and central ministries were asked to document the challenges of these districts.