

PM launches welfare package for tribal villages

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Prime Minister Narendra Modi on Wednesday launched the Dharti Aaba Janjatiya Gram Utkarsh Abhiyan, a package for basic scheme saturation in tribal-majority villages across 550 districts, at an event in

Jharkhand's Hazaribag district, where he also laid the foundation stones for a host of other projects intended to benefit tribal people across the country.

The package, originally coined as the PM Janjatiya Unnat Gram Abhiyan (PM-JUGA), was cleared by the Union Cabinet last month

as an umbrella package to implement existing schemes in 63,000 Scheduled Tribe-majority villages.

There are 25 interventions planned under the package. An outlay of ₹79,156 crore, to be spent over five years, has been cleared by the Union Cabi-

net. Of this, the Central share will be ₹56,333 crore and the share of respective States will be ₹22,823 crore.

One component of the package will provide up to ₹5 lakh to tribal families to turn their houses into homestays to boost tourism.