

PM to Lay Foundation Stone of ‘Chardham Mahamarg Vikas Pariyojna’

Prime Minister Shri Narendra Modi will lay the foundation stone of the ambitious **Chardham Mahamarg Vikas Pariyojna** on 27th December, 2016 at Parade Ground in Dehradun. The project aims at improving the connectivity to the Char Dham pilgrimage centres in the Himalayas, making journey to these centres safer, faster and more convenient.

The Chardham project includes developing 900 km of national highways in Uttarakhand at a total cost of Rs. 12000 crores. Work for 17 projects worth Rs 3000 crores have already been sanctioned and tendered. The entire length of the highways will be two-laned with paved shoulder and with a minimum width of 10 metres. There will be tunnels, bypasses, bridges, subways and viaducts to prevent traffic bottlenecks. A team of experts have been engaged to identify zones prone to landslides, and environment friendly techniques are being incorporated in the design to make these zones safer.

Wayside amenities and public facilities will be constructed all along the Chardham route, including parking spaces and helipad for emergency evacuation.

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