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# ABOUT 500 HOUSES FOR WAYANAD LANDSLIDE VICTIMS TO BE HANDED OVER IN FEB: KERALA CM



Pinarayi Vijayan said on Thursday that the state government aims to complete about 300 houses with related facilities and hand them over in February as the first phase of rehabilitation for Wayanad landslide disaster victims.

"The target is to complete around 300 houses

along with associated facilities and hand them over to beneficiaries as the first phase in February," the CM said while addressing a press conference here.

the Kalpetta bypass for families affected by the Mundakkai-Chooralmala landslides in Wayanad. The project is progressing at a rapid pace, with a strong focus on safety, quality, and long-term

sustainability, Vijayan said. He said the township will consist of 410 houses and all essential facilities required for a dignified life.

"This is not just about providing a roof over people's heads. It is about rebuilding lives that were shattered by the disaster," he said.

According to him, the township will include an underground electricity network, drinking water supply with a large-capacity tank, internal roads, a public health centre, anganwadi, community hall, market, playgrounds and waste management facilities. Each house will also have a solar power plant and its own drinking water storage tank.

with strict quality control measures. Materials such as cement, sand and steel are being tested in on-site laboratories and also verified by independent third-party agencies.

"We are ensuring quality at every stage. Work moves forward only after inspections," he said.

adding that contractors will provide five years of protection against construction defects.

Around 1,600 workers are engaged in the project, working round the clock. Several key works, including the foundation, are now in

including roofing of many houses, road formation and drinking water tank construction, have already been completed, the chief minister said.

Referring to the government's approach to disaster rehabilitation, Vijayan said the project follows the "Build Back Better" principle.

"Our responsibility is to ensure that every disaster-affected family gets a safer and better living space than before," he said.

Vijayan said that the LIFE Mission and similar housing initiatives reflect the state's commitment to treating housing as a basic right.

'A total of 4/6,0/6 houses have been completed and handed over through the LIFE Mission. That many families have moved into secure homes. This February, the number will reach five lakh.

# SILVER VS GOLD VS STOCK VS REAL ESTATE: WHICH ASSET CAN DELIVER MOST GAINS IN 2026?



Households are entering the year with a bit more money in hand. Government measures in 2025 such as income tax relief on salaries up to Rs 12 lakh a year and changes in GST rates aimed at reducing tax on several items are expected to ease the burden on consumers and boost spending. With more disposable income likely to flow into savings and investments, the familiar question returns. Where should the money go now?

Should it be gold, which has just seen its strongest year since 1979? Or silver, which has surged over 150%, marking one of its best-ever annual performances?

Do equities still hold the edge despite underperforming global markets in recent periods, given their long-term wealth-building record? Or does real estate, an asset class close to many middle-class families, continue to offer comfort through steady price appreciation and rental income?

As investors weigh these choices, experts say the answer may not lie in picking a single winner, but in understanding what each asset brings to the table in 2026.

## EXPERTS SEE NO SINGLE WINNER

Market experts tracking both commodities and equities say 2026 is unlikely to be a year where one asset clearly dominates across all conditions. Each asset is driven by a different set of forces and plays a distinct role in a portfolio.

Beyond financial markets, real estate is expected to offer stable returns in 2026.

Aakash Ohri, Managing Director and Chief Business Officer, DLF, said that 2026 will be a defining period.

"While some market experts have issued cautious outlooks, we firmly believe that high-quality projects will continue to be outliers that surpass market trends. The momentum built in 2025 will carry forward, driven by luxury-led growth, sustained NRI participation,

and the rise of high-potential corridors such as Gurugram, Mumbai, Hyderabad, and Bengaluru," he added

Ohri also said that India's economic fundamentals aligned with the pace of infrastructure development, and the year ahead promises deeper consolidation and a more sophisticated expression of urban living.

"We also anticipate new formats gaining prominence, branded residences (though we remain away from this segment), senior living, vacation homes in leisure destinations, and ultra-luxury developments that redefine residential living in India," said Ohri.

Sandeep Mangla, Managing Director, Forteasia Realty Pvt. Ltd, said property remains attractive for long-term investors. "In 2026, real estate investing will continue to present solid returns for long-term investors," he said.

Mangla pointed to a CREDAI and CREDAI Matrix survey which shows that around 70% of real estate investors expect home prices to rise by more than 5% in the coming year.

"A significant portion of the investors expect appreciation of 5-10% and predict 15-25% appreciation in some micro-markets," he said.

He added that government-linked analysis suggests residential prices could grow by an average of 7% per year in 2026, above inflation.

"The average rental yield is expected to increase to approximately 2.5-4% in major Indian cities and exceed that average in some of the premium Indian cities," Mangla said. "A realistic range for total ROI from price appreciation and rental income is expected to be 7-10% for residential properties."

As 2026 approaches, experts agree that chasing a single asset may not be the smartest resolution. A diversified approach across equities, precious metals and real estate may offer the best balance between growth, stability and risk in an uncertain global environment.

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