

# PM Modi UP itinerary: 4 trips in next 10 days

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LUCKNOW: Showcasing the BJP's development push and its concern for women and farmers in the run-up to UP elections, Prime Minister Narendra Modi is all set to make four more trips to the state in the next 10 days. The model code of conduct for assembly polls likely to come into force with the notification next month.

Modi will be in Shahjahanpur on Saturday to lay the foundation stone of the ambitious 594-km long Ganga Expressway -- country's longest — connecting Meerut with Prayagraj. Proposed to come up at a cost of Rs 36,230 crore, the expressway is expected to be completed by 2025.

This will be followed by the PM visiting Prayagraj on December 21 to address women employees from across the state. The event is being planned at a time when discussions on raising the salary of accredited

social health activists (ASHA), Auxiliary Nurse Midwife (ANM) and Anganwadi workers who played a pivotal role in vaccination and Covid-19 treatment have been gaining steam.

Bank Sakhis, engaged by the rural development department to provide banking services, especially in the rural areas, at the time of pandemic, are also scheduled to be invited. Sources said that the PM is likely to boost the morale of the women employees for their services, in what is being perceived as a significant and a well calibrated women outreach move to counter the Congress which has been harping on women consolidation to take on BJP in state polls.

Modi will be in his constituency Varanasi on December 23 to hold a seminar with farmers and agricultural scientists on his vision for the agricultural sector. PM's interface with the farming community and experts comes days after his government annulled the three contentious farm laws which were at the centre of a raging farmer protest.

The PM will travel to Kanpur on December 28 to inaugurate the first leg of the 9-km long Kanpur Metro Rail Project and attend the annual convocation of IIT Kanpur. CM Yogi had launched the trial run of Metro train last month and the section will start commercial operations soon after the PM inaugurates it. This will be the fourth Metro project in UP after the ones in Noida, Ghaziabad and Lucknow.

The PM has already visited UP six times in past month — to Gorakhpur, Sultanpur, Varanasi, Mahoba, Jhansi, Noida and Balrampur— for unveiling projects. He also visited Lucknow for DGPs conference last month.