

# PM Modi to dedicate devpt projects worth ₹12,100 crore

## To Flag Off Vande Bharat Trains In Gkp

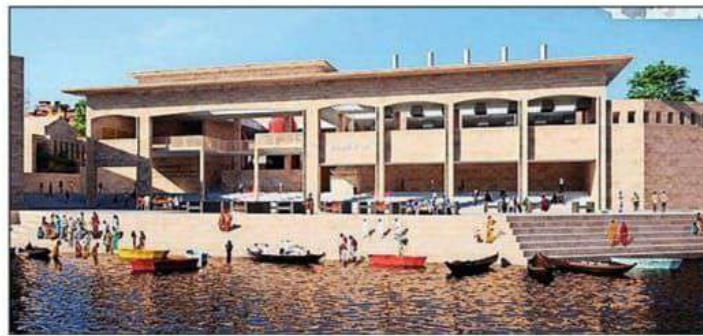
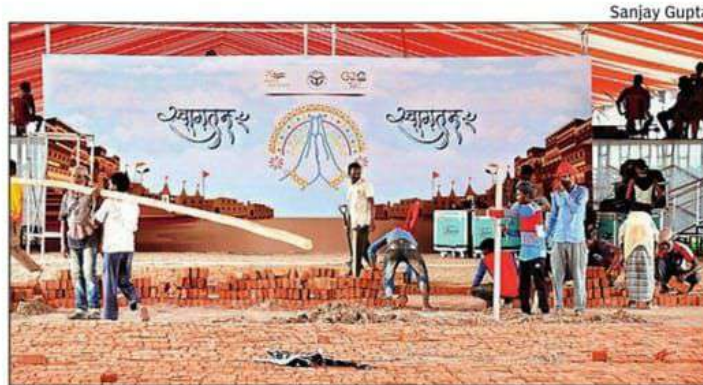
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**Lucknow:** Prime Minister Narendra Modi will be visiting Gorakhpur and his parliamentary constituency Varanasi on July 7.

Modi will reach Gorakhpur at around 2.30pm to participate in the centenary celebrations of Gita Press, the largest publisher of Hindu religious texts in the world. He will release the 'Chitramaya Shiva Purana Granth' during the programme and then visit the Leela Chitra temple in the Gita Press.

Modi would then reach the Gorakhpur railway station to flag off two Vande Bharat express trains. The two trains are: Gorakhpur-Lucknow Vande Bharat express and Jodhpur-Ahmedabad (Sabarmati) Vande Bharat express. The Gorakhpur-Lucknow Vande Bharat express will pass through Ayodhya. The Vande Bharat express is expected to improve the connectivity of important cities in the state and also give a fillip to tourism.

Jodhpur-Sabarmati Vande Bharat express will improve connectivity to famous places such as Jodhpur, Abu Road, Ahmedabad and will boost socio-economic development in the region. The PM will also lay the foundation stone of Gorakhpur railway station redevelopment. The station is proposed to be



(Top) Workers giving final touches to preparations ahead of PM's visit and (above) proposed look of the cremation ghat in Varanasi

redeveloped at a cost of around Rs 498 crore and will provide world class passenger amenities.

At around 5 pm, the PM will reach Varanasi, where he will attend a public programme and lay foundation stones to inaugurate and dedicate multiple development projects worth more than Rs 12,100 crore. He will dedicate Pt Deendayal Upadhyaya Junction-Son Nagar railway line as a dedicated freight corridor. Built at a cost of Rs 6,760 crore, the new line will facilitate faster and efficient movement of goods. He will also dedicate to the nation three railway lines where electrification or doubling has been completed at a cost of more than 990 crore. The-

se include Ghazipur city-Aunrihar rail line, Aunrihar-Jaunpur rail line and Bhatni-Aunrihar rail line. This will mark the completion of 100% electrification of railway lines in UP. A four-lane Varanasi-Jaunpur section of NH-56 too is scheduled to be dedicated to the people by the PM. Estimated at a cost of more than Rs 2,750 crore the project will make travel from Varanasi to Lucknow easier and faster.

Among the multiple projects in Varanasi that will be inaugurated by the PM are construction and renovation of 18 PWD roads, international girls hostel building at BHU campus and Central Institute of Petrochemicals Engineering & Technology.