

India is scripting success stories in all sectors: PM Modi

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Modi cited the historic landing of Chandrayaan-3 on the moon, the success of the G20 summit in Delhi and the record-breaking tally of more than a hundred medals at the Asian Games to say that India is scripting success stories in all sectors.

The PM also reiterated his government's track record of completing projects that it launches. "I had said this earlier and am saying it today that we inaugurate projects that we lay foundation stones of," he said. Modi had laid the foundation



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PM Modi interacts with crew and pilots of Namo Bharat trains. Women comprise more than 50% of the rapid rail staff

stone for the rapid rail just four years ago, though the project itself was conceptualised in 2013.

Making his re-election

pitch, he added, "In the next one or one and a half years, this entire corridor will be complete and I will be there at your ser-

vice," he said.

In his trademark style of engaging the crowd, the PM sought an assurance from the thousands who were in attendance to keep the trains clean and scratch-free. Modi asked, "Doesn't a poor man maintain his bicycle and keep it clean? If you have a scooter, you take care of it every morning, so it stays in good condition. Don't you feel good about it?" he asked, adding, "Our new trains should not get a single scratch. Will you take care of it like you take care of your own vehicle?"

He also spoke about trans-

formational change taking place in the infrastructure sector, particularly railways and roads, with the introduction of Vande Bharat trains, launch of the Amrit Bharat station revamp scheme and new expressways. He said the current decade will be the decade of transformation of Indian Railways. "I am not in the habit of small dreams and walking slowly. I want to give a guarantee to the young generation of today that by the end of this decade, you will find Indian trains second to none in the world," Modi said. The PM listed out some of the

recent big decisions of the government, particularly aimed at farmers and women in the poll season, like record hike in MSP of wheat and pulses; increase in DA of serving and retired central government employees; Rs 500 subsidy for LPG cylinders under Ujjwala scheme; and increased ethanol production which has helped clear the dues of sugarcane farmers. Modi said, "You are my family, so you are my priority. This work is being done for you. If you are happy, I will be happy. If you are capable, the country will be capable."