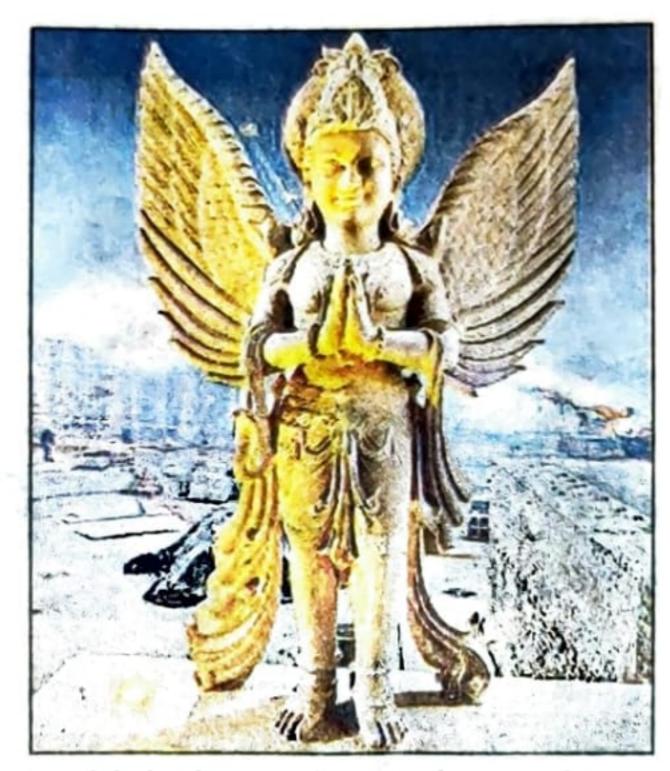
Govt determined to connect Ayodhya with world: Modi

New Delhi: Prime Minister Narendra Modi on Friday hailed the Union Cabinet's approval to the proposal to name Ayodhya airport as 'Maharishi Valmiki International Airport, Ayodhyadham', asserting that his government is determined to connect the holy city of Lord Ram with the whole world.

He said the move was a tribute to Maharishi Valmiki.

At a Cabinet meeting chaired by Prime Minister Modi, the proposal to name Ayodhya airport as 'Maharishi Valmiki International Airport, Ayodhyadham', was approved. Besides, it was also decided to declare the airport as an international airport.

In a post on X, Modi said, "Our government is determined to connect the holy city of Lord Shri Ram, Ayodhya,



An idol of Garuda, made up of pink sandstone from Rajasthan's Bansi Paharpur village installed at the entrance of Ram Temple

with the whole world. In this regard, along with declaring the airport as an international airport, the proposal to name it 'Maharishi Valmiki International Airport, Ayodhya Dham' has been appro-

ved." This step is a respectful tribute to Maharishi Valmiki ji on behalf of our family members across the country," the prime minister said.

Modi also highlighted the government approval to 'PRITHvi VIgyan' scheme. The programme is an overarching initiative that would give it the flexibility to pursue research and use funds allocated to five different subschemes related to earth sciences over a five-year period.

"Today, the Union Cabinet has approved the transformative 'PRITHvi VIgyan (PRITHVI)' scheme. This initiative marks a significant stride in our journey towards advanced earth system sciences. It covers critical areas such as climate research, ocean services, polar science, se ismology and more." PR