

# PM showers projects on Purvanchal

In 10 years, I have become a Banarasi, says Prime Minister and asserts that his third term will take India's economic, social, strategic, and cultural sectors to new heights

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**VARANASI:** Prime Minister Narendra Modi on Friday launched projects worth over Rs 13,000 crore for Purvanchal in Varanasi, targeted the INDIA bloc and Congress leader Rahul Gandhi while asserting that those who are not in their senses are calling children (youths) of my Kashi "nashedi" (drug addicts). He also said that in the 10 years since he was first elected the Varanasi MP, "Banaras has transformed him into a Banarasi." The Prime Minister underlined that "Kisan aur Pashupalak" (farmers and livestock rearers) is the greatest priority of the government.

Highlighting India's progress, Modi mentioned India leapfrogging to the fifth largest economy in the world from 11th in the last 10 years. He added that India will become the third largest economy in the next five years.

"Modi's third term will bring India's capabilities to the forefront of the world and India's economic, social, strategic, and cultural sectors will be at new heights," he said, addressing a gathering after the launch of



PM Narendra Modi with CM Yogi Adityanath and others during launching of development projects in Varanasi on Friday.

projects at UPSIDA Agro Park in Karkhiyaon.

Referring to Rahul Gandhi's purported remark, Modi said, "No one will forget this insult to youths and people of the INDIA alliance will struggle to save their deposits."

Decades of corruption, nepotism and appeasement kept Uttar Pradesh backward on the development, he said, alleging that the previous governments made Uttar Pradesh a sick state and they played with the future of the youths.

Apparently attacking the Congress and the SP, Modi said family members are always afraid of youth power and talent because they feel that if an ordinary youth gets an opportunity, he will challenge them everywhere.

"They like only those who keep showering praises on them day and night," he said.

Modi said that another reason

for their anger and frustration is that they do not like the new form of Kashi and Ayodhya and they attack Ram Mandir on "all kinds of things."

"I don't know why Congress has so much hatred for Prabhu Shri Ram. They are unable to think beyond their family and vote bank. When elections come, these people come together. When the result is declared, they part ways while hurling abuses on one another," he added.

Taking a dig at the INDIA bloc in Bhojpuri, Modi said, "This is Banaras, everyone is a guru here. The maneuver of the INDI alliance will not work here. Not just Banaras, the entire UP knows that the goods are the same and the packing is new."

Starting his speech in Bhojpuri, he said, "Today, I have once again got an opportunity to visit the land of Kashi. Till we come to Banaras, I don't feel good. Ten

years ago, you made me the MP of our Banaras, now in 10 years I have become a Banarasi."

He said Rs 13,000-crore projects will give impetus to the development of not just Kashi, but the entire Purvanchal region. It will also create new employment opportunities, he added.

Expressing happiness about the projects in Kashi and Eastern Uttar Pradesh, he recalled his road trip on Thursday night on his way to the guesthouse and noted the benefits of the Phulwaria flyover project and the ease in the journey from BLW to the airport. Earlier, if one had to go to Babatpur Airport from BLW, he had to leave two to three hours in advance, Modi said, adding it took more time to reach the airport to catch the flight than it did to go from Varanasi to Delhi.

Now this flyover has reduced the time to half, he said.

## BANAS KASHI SANKUL TO CREATE THOUSANDS OF JOBS: MODI

**VARANASI:** Prime Minister Narendra Modi visited Banas Kashi Sankul, a milk processing unit of Banaskantha District Cooperative Milk Producers Union Ltd, built at UPSIDA Agro Park, Karkhiyaon, Varanasi, on Friday and interacted with beneficiaries.

PM Modi also handed out employment letters and GI-authorised user certificates.

Modi said that the Banas Kashi Sankul will create thousands of new employment opportunities. According to an estimate, the Prime Minister said Banas Kashi Sankul will give a boost to the income of more than 3 lakh farmers.

"I got the opportunity to talk to the cattle rearing sisters at Banas Dairy Plant. The sisters of the farmer family were given an indigenous breed of Gir cow two-three years ago. Today, the number of Gir cows here has reached around 350.

Whereas a normal cow used to give five litres of milk, a Gir cow gives 15 litres of milk. Due to this, these sisters are earning additional income of thousands of rupees every month. "Our sisters have started becoming lakhpati didis. This is a great inspiration for the 10 crore sisters associated with self-help groups," he added.

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## PM HIGHLIGHTS KASHI'S ROLE IN AATMANIRBHAR BHARAT

**VARANASI:** Acknowledging Kashi as a major contributor to the Aatmanirbhar Bharat Abhiyan, Prime Minister Narendra Modi on Friday anticipated new dimensions of the development of the city (Varanasi) in the next five years during which it will be a hub of employment and skills.

He mentioned Kashi ropeway and the exponential rise in airport capacity. Kashi will emerge as an important sports city in the country, he added. During this period, the National Institution of Fashion Technology campus will also be completed which will create new opportunities for

the youth and weavers of the area, he said.

"In the last decade, we have given a new identity to Kashi as a hub of health and education. Now a new medical college is also going to be added to it," the Prime Minister said.

Along with the National Center of Ageing in BHU, many diagnostic machines and equipment worth Rs 35 crore were inaugurated on Friday. A facility to tackle bio-hazardous waste from the hospital is also being developed. Modi said the rapid development of Kashi and U.P. must continue.

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