## PM launches railway infrastructure push

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NEW DELHI: The biggest beneficiary of a developed India will be its young and their dream will drive the government, Prime Minister Narendra Modisaid on Monday as he virtually inaugurated around 2,000 railway infrastructure projects — spanning revamped stations, new underpasses and over bridges — worth ₹41,000 crore across India.

In his speech that followed the programme, Modi said the third term of his government will begin from June, highlighting that he was confident of a victory in this summer's general elections. He later also spoke at the Bharat Tex event in Delhi.

"When Modi talks about a developed India, its architect and biggest beneficiary are the youth of the country. Today's projects will provide new employment and self-employment opportunities to lakhs of youth of the country. The rejuvenation taking place in the



Defence minister Rajnath Singh and others during the inauguration of revamped Gomti Nagar railway station, in Lucknow on Monday.

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Railways today will also benefit those friends who are studying in schools and colleges. This transformation will also be very useful for those who are below 30-35," Modi said virtually.

The PM said Viksit Bharat or developed India — also a key part of his election narrative — was the India of their dreams.

"I want to tell every youth of the country that your dream is Modi's resolve. Your dream, your hard work and Modi's resolve, this is the guarantee of a developed India," he said.

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## PM VIRTUALLY OPENS GOMTI NAGAR RLY STN, 73 OTHERS IN U.P.

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LUCKNOW: Prime Minister Narendra Modi on Monday virtually inaugurated the muchawaited redeveloped Gomti Nagar station and the renovation/building of 73 other railway stations and 267 road over bridges/underpasses in Uttar Pradesh.

Defence minister Rajnath Singh was present in person at the inaugural event on the new station premises.

The station's inauguration was part of over 2000 railway infrastructure projects nationwide worth over Rs 41,000 crore which the Prime Minister unveiled. This was done under the Viksit Bharat Viksit Railways event. →P2