

PM virtually opens Gomti Nagar railway station, 73 others in U.P.

A dream project: Rajnath; New India's train of progress running fast, says Yogi

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LUCKNOW: Prime Minister Narendra Modi on Monday virtually inaugurated the much-awaited 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 for which the PM laid the foundation stone. This was done under the Viksit Bharat Viksit Railways event.

Mentioning various railway projects, the prime minister also spoke about the vividness of the Gomti Nagar railway station built at a cost of Rs 378 crore.

"It is our dream project to make Gomti Nagar station a world-class station, hence I personally made sure to be present here from an earlier schedule to inaugurate it virtually," Singh



Defence Minister Rajnath Singh visiting the revamped Gomti Nagar railway station during the inauguration, in Lucknow on Monday. Prime Minister Narendra Modi virtually inaugurated the station.

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said, adding that he made previous visits and was satisfied with the progress. "PM Modi inaugurated and laid the foundation stone (of projects). This is a special day for the people of Lucknow that Gomti Nagar railway station is ready as a global-scale railway station. It was inaugurated by PM Modi today. I congratulate the PM as well as the railway minister," Rajnath Singh said. "Out of Rs 1876 crore sanctioned for railway projects in the state, it is Rs 378 crore for renovation of the Gomti Nagar railway project," Rajnath Singh said.

Chief minister Yogi Adityanath participated in the event virtually from his official residence. Extending his gratitude to PM Modi, Yogi Adityanath wrote on X, "Under the guidance of respected PM Narendra Modi,

New India's 'train of progress' is running at a fast pace. Today, alongside the unveiling of the redeveloped Gomti Nagar Railway Station, PM Modi inaugurated or laid foundation stones for over 2,000 railway infrastructure projects across the nation. Heartfelt gratitude to the PM for these gifts that make the lives of common people easier!"

The 74 redeveloped stations of Uttar Pradesh include: Meerut Nagar Junction (Jn), Mau Jn, Manikpur Jn, Shri Krishna Nagar, Unchahar Jn, Manaknagar, Chunar Jn, Garhmukteshwar, Gonda Jn, Jaunpur City, Lalitpur Jn, Malhar, Chitrakoot Dham Karvi, Khurja Jn, Lakhimpur, Kanpur Anwarganj, Bhatni, Haidergarh, Mailani Jn, Akbarpur Jn, Mirzapur, Govindpuri, Bharatkund, Salempur Jn,

Mahoba Jn, Pilibhit Jn, Kannauj and Swami Narayan Chapia. The list also includes Sonbhadra, Lambhua, Madiyahun, Idgah Agra Jn, Tulsipur, Shikohabad Jn, Nihalgarh, Aonla, Anand Nagar Jn, Babatpur, Lucknow City, Bareilly City, Pukhrayan, Mohanlalganj, Gomti Nagar, Kanpur Pul Baya, Khorasan Road, Banda, Badhni, Balamau Jn, Shivpur, Gauriganj, Sidharthnagar, Vyasnagar, Kinara, Daliganj, Kaptanganj Jn, Seohara, Balrampur, Firozabad, Orai, Lalganj, Khalilabad, Ramghat Halt, Gursahaiganj, Ghazipur City, Phaphamau Jn, Muzaffarnagar, Belthara Road, Bulandshahr, Lohta, Raja Ki Mandi, Chilibila, Kunda Harnamganj, Badshahpur, Takiya and Mainpuri Jn.

New trains from Gomti Nagar station

Railways has also prepared a plan to run new trains from the Gomti Nagar railway station. In the coming days, the Dehradun Vande Bharat Express will run from Gomti Nagar terminal. "Its proposal has been sent to the Railway Board," DRM, Lucknow NER, Aditya Kumar.

"Apart from this, there is a plan to run new trains from Gomti Nagar for Bihar, WB, Delhi, Mumbai and North East. Trains for Katra and Jagannath Puri will also run from the terminal," the divisional railway manager added.

OUTER RING ROAD, BRAHMOS UNIT TO BE INAUGURATED IN MAR: RAJNATH

LUCKNOW: Defence minister and Lucknow MP Rajnath Singh on Monday said the 104-km Outer Ring Road and the BrahMos unit in Lucknow will be inaugurated in March.

"The work on the Outer Ring Road is in full swing and after its recent inspection I have reached the conclusion that it is going to be completed in the next 2-3 days," he said. "The road will be inaugurated in the second week of March by PM during nationwide inauguration of several projects by him," Singh added at the Gomti Nagar station event.

This road will help decongest the city, he added.

"Once inaugurated, people travelling from across India to Lucknow will be able to enter their desired area, instead of having to enter the city. In the coming two years, eight-nine flyovers will be ready," he said.

The BrahMos missile unit will be inaugurated in next 10-15 days before announcement of election dates, he said. "No one knew that BrahMos would be made in Lucknow. While BrahMos missile (unit) is a significant development for the city, I pray that we may never have occasion to use it (missile)," he added. **HTC**