

# PM gifts 3 new Vande Bharat trains, many rly projects to U.P.



A newly launched Vande Bharat train arrives at Gomti Nagar Railway Station in Lucknow on Tuesday. DEEPAK GUPTA/HT PHOTO

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**LUCKNOW** : Prime Minister Narendra Modi on Tuesday virtually inaugurated three new Vande Bharat trains for Uttar Pradesh. Two of them connect the state capital to Patna and Dehradun. Several railway projects in Uttar Pradesh were also launched by the PM on the occasion.

The third Vande Bharat will run between Varanasi and Ranchi. Meanwhile, the Gorakhpur-Lucknow Vande Bharat's route was extended till Prayagraj.

Also, the PM laid the foundation stone of 32 projects of Lucknow division of the Northern Railways (NR). The projects include doubling of three railway lines, and inauguration of rail coach restaurants at Charbagh and Gomti Nagar stations in Lucknow, 21 'one station one product' stalls and five goods sheds, the railways said in a note.

The PM flagged off a total of

10 Vande Bharat trains on the day.

## Content creators aboard

The two new Vande Bharat trains from Patna and Dehradun reached Gomti Nagar and Charbagh stations of Lucknow.

Over 50 content creators, who had boarded the train at Bareilly Junction, were greeted with roses. They were given golden souvenir tickets for the ride.

"We wanted to capture the Vande Bharat's ride... It was so comfortable we did not feel that it was a train journey," said Youtuber Pranjal Sisodia from Lucknow.

At Gomti Nagar Railway Station, a 'one station-one product' stall and Jan Aushadhi Kendra were inaugurated in the presence of MLC Ramchandra Pradhan, mayor Sushma Kharkwal, state BJP president Bhupendra Chaudhary, DRMs Aditya Kumar and MS Sharma, and senior DCM Rekha Sharma.