

PM gives push to aviation, boosts connectivity

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VARANASI: Prime Minister Narendra Modi on Sunday inaugurated the Manduri airport in Azamgarh, besides new terminal buildings at airports in Shravasti, Moradabad, Chitrakoot, Aligarh, Jabalpur, Gwalior, Lucknow, Pune, Kolhapur, Delhi, and Adampur. He also laid the foundation stone of three new terminal buildings of Kadapa, Hubballi and Belagavi airports.

"All these efforts will make air travel more convenient and accessible for the common people of the country," he said.

To illustrate the speed of the completion of airports, the pace at which work has been completed for these terminals is exemplified by the Vijayaraje Scindia airport in Gwalior, which was completed in just 16 months, he added.

The prime minister emphasised that the record of the government of completing the announced project in time rejects the allegation of these projects being election gimmicks.

"Today, the country is witnessing that Modi is a man of his word. The projects that we launched in 2019 were not for



Prime Minister Narendra Modi visiting an exhibition with chief minister Yogi Adityanath, deputy CM Keshav Prasad Maurya and BJP state chief Bhupendra Singh Chaudhary, in Azamgarh on Sunday.

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PROJECTS AT A GLANCE

- New terminals of Azamgarh, Shravasti, Moradabad, Chitrakoot and Aligarh airports and Chaudhary Charan Singh International Airport, Lucknow, inaugurated at a cost of ₹ 3,628 crore.
- Inauguration of Maharaja Suheldev State University at Rs 108 crore and inauguration and foundation stone laying of 5 NH projects worth Rs 11,500 crore
- Inauguration of 744 roads (5,342 km) worth Rs 3,702 crore in 59 districts under the Pradhan Mantri Gram Sadak Yojana.
- Inauguration of new terminal buildings at Jabalpur, Gwalior, Pune, Kolhapur, Delhi and Adampur airports.
- Inauguration and foundation stone laying of 12 railway projects worth Rs 8,176 crore and inauguration of 3 sewerage projects worth Rs 1,114 crore under Namami Gange.
- Inauguration of 1,040 flats in Lucknow under the four-tower light house project with 13 floors at 47,827 square metres at a cost of Rs 131 crore.

the sake of elections. Today, you can see them being implemented and inaugurated," he

said.

"I am running with swift pace towards the resolution of

building a 'Viksit Bharat' (Developed India) by 2047, pushing the country at a fast pace," he added.

"People from all over the country connected today can see the love and affection from Azamgarh. I see that more people are enduring the heat of the sun than those seated inside the tent. This love is incredible," Modi said.

"Along with infrastructure related to airports, highways, and railways, we have also accelerated development projects related to education, water and environmental conservation in Azamgarh. I extend my congratulations to the people of Uttar Pradesh and all the states of the country for these development projects. I especially express gratitude to the people of Azamgarh who have come in such large numbers to bless us. And my dear brothers and sisters of Azamgarh, let me tell you one more guarantee from Modi? Should I tell you? Look, today's Azamgarh is not just the Azamgarh of yesterday; it is now a citadel, it will remain the fortress of development for eternity. This fortress of development will remain till eternity. This is Modi's guarantee, my friends."