

PM in Kashi, to gift ₹42,000 cr projects from Azamgarh today

Modi to inaugurate and lay foundation of 15 airport projects across the country, including five in U.P, besides a new terminal building in Lucknow

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VARANASI/AGRA: Prime Minister Narendra Modi, who reached Varanasi on Saturday evening for his first visit to Kashi after being declared the party candidate for the parliamentary constituency for the third time, will inaugurate, dedicate and lay the foundation stone of multiple development initiatives worth more than Rs 42,000 crore during his tour to Uttar Pradesh that will continue on Sunday with a programme in Azamgarh.

During the Azamgarh visit, the prime minister will inaugurate and lay the foundation stone of 15 airport projects across the country worth over Rs 9,800 crore. He will inaugurate 12 new terminal buildings of Pune, Kolhapur, Gwalior, Jabalpur, Delhi, Lucknow, Aligarh, Azamgarh, Chitrakoot, Moradabad, Shravasti and

Modi holds 28-km road show in Kashi, prays at KV temple

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VARANASI: A day after Mahashivratri and a fortnight before Holi, rose petals and abir- gulal (dry colours) were showered, conch shells blown and damrus (pellet drums) played as Prime Minister Narendra Modi on Saturday received a grand welcome in Varanasi from residents and BJP workers during a 28-kilometre road show from the airport to the city where he offered prayers at Kashi Vishwanath Temple amid the chanting of Vedic mantras. →P5

Adampur Airports. The Prime Minister will lay the foundation stone of three new terminal buildings of Kadapa, Hubballi and Belagavi Airports, said Press Information Bureau communication officer Prashant Kakkar.

The 12 new terminal buildings will have a combined capacity to serve 620 lakh (6.20 crore) passengers annually. As for the three terminal buildings the foundation stone of which is

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PM Narendra Modi with CM Yogi Adityanath hold a trident as they offer prayers at KV Temple, in Varanasi on Saturday. ANI

PM OPENS SELA TUNNEL, PUTS MILITARY MOBILITY IN FAST LANE

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NEW DELHI: Prime Minister Narendra Modi on Saturday dedicated the Sela tunnel project in Arunachal Pradesh to the country, with the infrastructure upgrade putting in the fast lane military mobility and logistics support for deployed forces in the strategic Tawang sector, where Indian soldiers hold posts close to the contested border with China.

Modi remotely inaugurated the tunnel, built by the Border Roads Organisation (BRO) at a cost of ₹825 crore, from Arunachal Pradesh's capital Itanagar during the "Viksit Bharat Viksit Northeast" (developed India, developed Northeast) programme. He laid the foundation stone for the tunnel, the world's longest twin-lane tunnel above 13,000 feet, in February 2019.

Sela tunnel's inauguration is a moment of great pride for the country, he said.

"When I had laid the foundation stone for it a few years ago, some people were unsure that this project will be completed

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