

PM virtually lays foundation stone of two schemes of Varanasi

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Prime Minister Narendra Modi on Wednesday laid the foundation stone of two schemes of Nagar Nigam of his Varanasi parliamentary constituency through virtual medium from the Swachhata programme organised in New Delhi.

The PM laid the foundation stone of Dinapur extended area of Nagar Nigam under Trans Varuna Water Supply Scheme, costing Rs 171 crore. This scheme will provide relief to a population of about one and a half lakh from the problem of drinking water and under this scheme, 20,176 drinking water house connections, 21 tube wells and pump houses, 10 overhead reservoirs and works of about 410 km distribution network will be provided. It is proposed through this scheme to cover 100 per cent of Dinapur Zone with drinking water.

The foundation stone of sewer house connection and related works in the newly expanded



CDO Himanshu Nagpal honouring a woman for her contribution in cleanliness fortnight at Vikas Bhawan in Varanasi on Wednesday.

area of Sujabad in Varanasi district, costing Rs 96.60 crore, was also laid by the PM. Under this scheme, works of 7 MLD Sewage Treatment Plant (STP), 26.9 km sewer distribution network and 3,981 sewer house connections are proposed.

The PM's address was also heard in the Vikas Bhavan auditorium in which he has expected that Swachh Bharat Diwas should be celebrated with public participation as a

behaviour change towards cleanliness and prevention of diseases through cleanliness. MLC and district BJP president Hansraj Vishwakarma participated as the chief guest of the programme while it was attended by Chief Development Officer (CDO) Himanshu Nagpal and others.

On the occasion, the CDO honoured international athlete Neelu Mishra by naming her as an icon of the cleanliness pro-

gramme. The CDO, along with district panchayat raj officer, also honoured the gram pradhans, village panchayat secretaries, sanitation workers and panchayat assistants who did good work in the field of cleanliness in rural areas by giving them citation and angavastram. Shramdaan was also done by Hansraj Vishwakarma and others. From September 17 to October 2, a massive cleanliness programme was organised in the rural area with public participation on the theme of Swabhav Swachhata Sanskar Swachhata. According to the CDO, under the Swachh Bharat Mission 6.17 lakh people participated in public participation in cleanliness, Safai Mitra Suraksha Camp etc in the district. On the occasion the birth anniversary of Father of the Nation Mahatma Gandhi and former Prime Minister Lal Bahadur Shastri was also celebrated as 'Swachh Bharat Diwas' and the main programme at the district level was started by the CDO by garlanding two great personalities in the meeting hall of Vikas Bhavan.