

PM Modi to inaugurate 600 projects worth Rs 7,000 crore

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MAHAKUMBH NAGAR (PRAYAGRAJ): Prime Minister Narendra Modi will formally inaugurate Mahakumbh-2025 on December 13 and launch over 600 projects worth Rs 7,000 crore, undertaken and completed ahead of the mega once-in-12-years fair.

The PM will dedicate these projects to the people by pressing the button at Sangam Ghat. The Prayagraj Mela Authority has prepared its list and sent it to the PM's office, informed officials.

As per the tentative schedule, the PM will stay in Prayagraj for about three-and-a-half hours on December 13. During this time, he will inaugurate Mahakumbh-2025 with a formal Ganga Puja and also inaugurate more than 600 projects from the site of his public meeting at Sangam Ghat.

The projects that the PM would be launching include Phase-I of the Bade Hanuman Mandir Corridor, Bhandwaj Corridor, and Shringverpur Corri-



The platform is being prepared at Sangam, where PM Narendra Modi will perform a puja before formally inaugurating the Mahakumbh.

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dor. Along with this, he will also inaugurate 12 railway over and under bridges (ROBs/RUBs).

At present, there is doubt over the PM inaugurating Subedar-ganj ROB and IERT ROB as only those projects that are fully completed will be inaugurated by the Prime Minister.

The bulk of the work on these two ROB has been completed, but around 10 days of work is still left. In such a situation, unless fully ready, these two ROB would not be inaugurated by the PM on December 13.

AI CAMERAS, RFID BANDS TO TRACK PILGRIMS

MAHAKUMBH NAGAR (PRAYAGRAJ): Technology is set to play a key role when an estimated 40 to 45 crore pilgrims visit the 45-day Mahakumbh Mela at Prayagraj's sacred Triveni Sangam, where the Ganga, Yamuna, and the mythical Saraswati converge.

Headcount tracking of visitors will be done using AI-cameras, radio frequency identification or RFID wrist bands and GPS tracking, claim officials. Technical experts, who will monitor the process from the Integrated Command and Control Centre (ICCC) in the fair area, emphasise the importance of tracking the turnaround cycle to avoid double-counting devotees. "A turnaround cycle is the average time a pilgrim will spend in the ghat, ensuring accurate headcount data" they explained.