



Prime Minister Narendra Modi and UP Chief Minister Yogi Adityanath in Varanasi, Friday. PTI

INAUGURATES PROJECTS WORTH ₹3,880 CR

PM: Varanasi became focal point on Purvanchal's economic map in 10 yrs

Takes jibe at Opp: *'Parivar ka saath, parivar ka vikas* their motto'

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PRIME MINISTER Narendra Modi asserted on Friday that Varanasi has undergone a massive transformation in the past 10 years and became the focal point on the economic map of Purvanchal (eastern Uttar Pradesh) as funds worth crores of rupees were sanctioned for the Lok Sabha constituency during this period.

Speaking on the sidelines of

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the inauguration and stone laying of 44 projects worth Rs 3,880 crore in Varanasi, the Prime Minister said, "Kashi (Varanasi) is mine, and I belong to Kashi... Whoever preserves Kashi, pre-

serves the soul of India. We must continue to make Kashi strong and dreamlike. Having been elected for the third time from the constituency, I am constantly trying to work as your "sevak" (servant). You can see how it has been transformed with funds worth crores of rupees in the past one decade."

He also took a swipe at the Opposition parties saying those hankering for power focus solely on promoting their own families

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