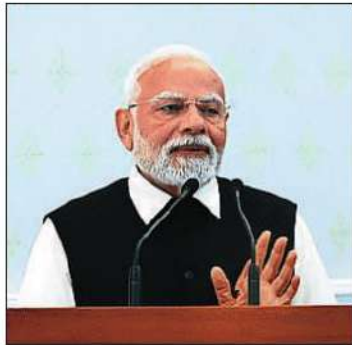


Not just bricks & stones: PM lauds legacy of B'khand forts

Calls Them Symbols Of India's Pride

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Prime Minister Narendra Modi

Fort finding mention in 'Mann Ki Baat' will reawaken glorious past: UP CM

Chief Minister Yogi Adityanath on Sunday said that mention of Bundelkhand's Kalinjar fort in Prime Minister Narendra Modi's Mann Ki Baat is going to reawaken the glory of our glorious past. In a post on X in Hindi on Sunday, Adityanath said, "The mention of the timeless forts, symbols of India's pride and glory, by the respected Prime Minister Shri @narendramodiji in today's @mannkibaat, especially the mention of the Kalinjar fort in Bundelkhand, Uttar Pradesh is going to reawaken the glory of our glorious past." PTI

Kanpur: In his 124th edition of 'Mann Ki Baat' address on Sunday, Prime Minister Narendra Modi spoke about the historical pride of Bundelkhand forts, saying they are symbols of cultural pride and resistance to foreign invasions. Celebrating Bundelkhand's historical legacy, he said: "These forts are not just bricks and stones, but a symbol of our culture, pride and values."

Evoking national pride, Modi made a special mention of the Kalinjar Fort located on the Vindhya mountain range in Banda district, explaining how Mahmud of Ghazni attacked it multiple times, but was unsuccessful in capturing it. "Kalinjar Fort in

Banda, Uttar Pradesh—Mahmud Ghaznavi attacked this fort many times and failed every time," he said. The PM named Gwalior, Jhansi, Datia, Ajaygarh, Garhkundar, and Chanderi as symbols of cultural resilience. "These forts are not just bricks and stones; they are symbols of our heritage. Sanskar and self-respect still peep from the high walls of these forts," he added. Urging people to explore these historical forts and connect with India's glorious past, the PM also emphasised the need to draw national attention to these sites to boost tourism in Bundelk-

hand. Reacting to the PM's address, Jhansi MP Anurag Sharma posted on X, "It is a matter of immense pride for the entire Bundelkhand that honourable Prime Minister Narendra Modi mentioned the region's historical heritage and forts in his popular programme 'Mann Ki Baat'."

Sharma said: "The PM emotionally noted that even today, the towering walls of these forts reflect Bundelkhand's pride, with every corner echoing the tales of bravery... We, the people of Bundelkhand, are deeply grateful for the Prime Minister's message, as it has given a new di-

mension and recognition to our cultural identity. We extend our heartfelt thanks and gratitude to the Prime Minister on behalf of all the people of Bundelkhand."

Stating that 'Mann Ki Baat' continues to be a source of inspiration and knowledge for the public, deputy CM Brajesh Pathak said: "This programme provides wonderful inspiration. Whether it's about ancient forts, the environment, or innovation, through the Mann Ki Baat programme, all of us workers gain knowledge about various aspects happening in the country."