

# PM lays foundation for ship repair unit, freight village

Two Projects in  
Kashi, Chandauli  
Worth ₹500Cr

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PM Modi launches projects during 'Samudra se Samridhi' program in Gujarat on Saturday

**Varanasi:** Among 26 projects worth Rs 7,870 crore launched by Prime Minister Narendra Modi while addressing the 'Samudra Se Samridhi' event at Bhavnagar in Gujarat on Saturday, foundation of two projects, including a ship repair facility at Ramnagar (Varanasi) and a freight village at neighbouring Milkipur under limits of Chandauli district, worth Rs 300 crore and Rs 200 crore, respectively, was also laid by him remotely.

He inaugurated and laid foundation stone for several

development projects worth over Rs 34,200 crore, including 26 projects of the ministry of ports, shipping and waterways worth Rs 7,870 crore to boost maritime development. After watching the event live from Gujarat at Ramnagar port, where the foundation stone for developing ship repair facilities was laid, UP minister Daya Shankar Singh expressed gratitude to the Prime Minister for the two major projects that would complement the multi-modal terminal of Var-

## BJP NaMo marathon in 16 UP cities today

**Lucknow:** BJP will organise 'NaMo Marathon' race in 16 cities of UP on Sunday as part of 15-day Sewa Pakhwada. Chief Minister Yogi Adityanath, UP BJP president Bhupendra Singh Chaudhary, and national general secretary Sunil Bansal will participate in Lucknow. Deputy chief ministers Keshav Prasad Maurya and Brajesh Pathak join the event in Agra and Bareilly, respectively. State general secretary (organisation) Dharampal Singh will take part in Meerut. TNN

anasi, adding that it would accelerate pace of development of Purvanchal while many new sectors will also develop to assist it. It would generate employment opportunities for the youths of this region, he added. Singh said Varanasi-Haldia waterway developed across Ganga had not only started paving way for development of pollution-free and low-cost transportation, especially for goods, but also prove to be a boon for industries and trade in the region and make goods transporta-

tion possible at half the cost of road and rail transport, said Singh.

In 2014, Modi ensured acceleration of pace of work on developing Varanasi-Haldia National Waterway-I and inaugurated IWAI's multi-modal terminal at Ramnagar in Nov 2018 by flagging off a cargo vessel with a vision that transporting goods via water will reduce transportation costs and benefit trade and industries. The step is aimed at empowering local industries, regional development.