

Yogi lauds Centre's push for digital, physical infra as PM flags off trains

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CHIEF MINISTER Yogi Adityanath on Sunday lauded the Centre's push for digital and physical infrastructure, saying India's transformation under Prime Minister Narendra Modi has drawn global recognition and improved ease of living for citizens.

Addressing a gathering at the inauguration of the Namoo Bharat Rapid Rail and Meerut Metro services, Adityanath said India has built a robust digital public infrastructure covering 1.4 billion people, processing nearly 20 billion digital transactions every month.

He said more than 500 million digital health IDs have been issued under the "One Health" initiative, enabling beneficiaries to avail treatment under the Ayushman Bharat scheme.

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Adityanath said the prime minister's regular review of infrastructure projects has helped fast-track projects worth Rs 85 lakh crore that had remained pending for decades.

Highlighting connectivity improvements, he said the travel time between Delhi and Meerut has reduced from four to five hours to around 45-50 minutes due to expressway expansion and the launch of rapid rail services.

The Namoo Bharat and

metro projects would further strengthen regional connectivity, he added.

The CM also referred to the upcoming sports university in Meerut, semiconductor projects in Gautam Buddha Nagar, and the near-completion of the Noida International Airport, saying these initiatives reflect the vision of a "Viksit Bharat".

He expressed hope that the proposed Noida Metro expansion would also be inaugurated by the prime minister after completion in the coming years. He welcomed Modi to Meerut and said the new infrastructure projects would further accelerate development in western Uttar Pradesh.

Prime Minister Narendra Modi on Sunday flagged off the Meerut Metro and Namoo Bharat train from the Shatabdi Nagar station here, giving a fillip to high-speed intercity travel and swift intra-city movement. PM Modi inaugurated development projects worth around Rs 12,930 crore in Meerut and said the BJP's work culture ensures the timely completion of projects once their foundation is laid.