

Modi inaugurates 594-km Ganga Expressway in Uttar Pradesh, praises overall development

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Prime Minister Narendra Modi on Wednesday inaugurated the 594-km Ganga Expressway in Hardoi, describing it as the identity of a “new Uttar Pradesh”, which would emerge as a new lifeline for the State’s connectivity and employment.

Hailing the development of the State, Mr. Modi added, “In Uttar Pradesh today, not only are expressways being built, but the overall development is also progressing at an even faster pace.”

“The Ganga Expressway is not merely a road project, but the foundation of Uttar Pradesh’s economic, social, and industrial transformation in which development is moving ahead



Grand opening: Prime Minister Narendra Modi during the inauguration of the Ganga Expressway in Hardoi on Wednesday. ANI

even faster than the speed of the expressway itself. People can now reach the Sangam in a few hours and visit Kashi for darshan,” he said.

Inaugurating the project built at an approximate cost of ₹36,230 crore, he said the six-lane access-

controlled expressway was likely to significantly reduce travel time, making the journey from Meerut to Prayagraj possible in about six hours. The expressway would begin from Meerut and pass through Hapur, Bulandshahr, Amroha, Sambhal, Badaun, Shahja-

hanpur, Hardoi, Unnao, Rae Bareilly, and Pratapgarh before culminating in Prayagraj.

“Previously, farmers’ produce could not reach markets promptly, but now, with the expressway, products will arrive at markets more quickly, thereby increasing farmers’ income,” Mr. Modi said.

Uttar Pradesh was experiencing significant infrastructure development with remarkable advancements in expressways, airports, industrial corridors, and defence manufacturing.

Swift progress

“Initiatives like the BrahMos missile project are providing a new identity to the State’s industrial capabilities. Uttar Pradesh is swiftly progressing towards becoming a one-tril-

lion-dollar economy. With fresh opportunities in investment, industry, and employment, the State’s reputation has evolved, making it a key destination for investors,” the Prime Minister said.

He slammed the Opposition parties, primarily the Congress and the Samajwadi Party, for being “anti-women” and opposing the women’s reservation amendment Bill.

Chief Minister Yogi Adityanath said the expressway would serve as a major medium for the progress of farmers, employment for youth, preservation of faith and culture, and the prosperity of Uttar Pradesh.

Earlier, the Prime Minister held a roadshow in Varanasi drawing large crowds along the route.