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PM Modi inaugurates 594-km Ganga Expressway

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HARDOI: Prime Minister Narendra Modi on Wednesday inaugurated the 594-km access-controlled greenfield Ganga Expressway in Uttar Pradesh's Hardoi and used the occasion to launch a sharp attack on the Samajwadi Party, accusing it of pursuing dynastic and caste-based politics and opposing development.

Addressing a public meeting, Modi said the state must remain cautious of the SP and its allies including Congress. He alleged that the party "can never rise above familyism and casteism" and would continue to indulge in politics that hinders development.



Prime Minister Narendra Modi during the inauguration of the 594-km-long Ganga Expressway, in Hardoi

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Built at an estimated cost of around ₹36,230 crore, the Ganga Expressway is expected to significantly improve connectivity

between Meerut and Prayagraj, reducing travel time from the current 10 to 12 hours to about six hours.

Describing the project as both a symbol of development and cultural heritage, the Prime Minister said naming

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- » Project built at an estimated cost of Rs 36,230 crore under a public-private partnership model
- » Connects Meerut to Prayagraj, cutting travel time from 10–12 hours to about six hours
- » Six-lane access-controlled expressway, expandable to eight lanes, with a design speed of 120 kmph
- » Features a 3.2-km airstrip near Shahjahanpur for emergency Indian Air Force landings