



# PM lauds Guj's role in country's growth

**Acknowledges people's dedication towards state's development**

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Gujarat has a major role in the nation's development, with advancements in technology, education and agriculture, Prime Minister Narendra Modi said during his address at the GMDC ground in Ahmedabad on Monday. He declared that Gujarat will soon give India its first Made-in-India C-295 transport aircraft. Modi inaugurated multiple development projects worth Rs 8,000 crore.

At the event, Modi highlighted the increasing trust in India on international platforms, attributing it to the government's efforts. He noted the expanding opportunities for farmers and youth, and how India is being embraced worldwide.

"The first 100 days of our third term have brought impactful development for all. The Namo Bharat Rapid Rail connecting Ahmedabad and Bhuj, will offer immense convenience to middle-class families. We have also taken a big step towards improving the health of the



PM Modi launches projects virtually from GMDC ground

poor and middle class, with free treatment worth Rs 5 lakh now available to all elderly people above 70. The unprecedented expansion of the Vande Bharat network in these 100 days is a testament to our commitment. This is the time for India—the golden period of India, the Amrit Kaal of India. India has no time to lose now; we must enhance India's global credibility and ensure every Indian leads a life of dignity."

Modi also took pride in Gujarat's success across various sectors, stating, "Gujarat is making a splash in the whole world, ranging across cul-

ture to agriculture," adding that the state is now exporting crops and grains that were once unimaginable, made possible by the hard work of its people.

Reflecting on the state's progress, the Prime Minister acknowledged a generation's dedication to its development and called for even greater efforts to take Gujarat to new heights. He reiterated his call for India to focus on producing high-quality exports, urging, "We must break away from the mindset that products not being exported are of inferior quality."

## Namo Bharat Rapid Rail cheaper than buses

The train will cover 11 stations between Bhuj and Ahmedabad; ticket to cost Rs 75

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The Namo Bharat Rapid Rail, which was flagged off by Prime Minister Narendra Modi on Monday, offers cheaper and faster ride than any inter-city non-AC or AC buses, the Western Railway spokesperson said.

"The train covers 11 stations on the route between Bhuj and Ahmedabad. While a non-AC bus charges Rs 110 from Bhuj to Gandhidham, AC bus fare costs Rs 140 for the same distance. However, one can avail this journey at Rs 75 through this train, which is cheaper," Vineet Abhishek, CPRO, Western Railway, said.

"While a bus takes at least two hours to reach Gandhidham, the NBRR takes only 55 minutes," he said. According to the Western Railway, though this 12-coach train has 1150 seating capacity, over 3200 people can travel in all as it provides enough space for passengers to stand and travel.



### Renamed hours before launch

Initially, the train was named Vande Metro and all pamphlets and print ads displayed around the Bhuj station showed its name as Vande Metro. However, hours before inauguration, the Railway Ministry informed media persons that it would be called Namo Bharat Rapid Rail.

It will cover 359 km of distance to reach Ahmedabad in 5.45 hours.

## Phase II of Metro gets the green flag

PM Modi flags off 21-km A'bad-G'nagar metro, rides with Governor, GM

**#GANDHINAGAR**

Prime Minister Narendra Modi on Monday inaugurated phase II of the Metro rail extension connecting the twin cities of Ahmedabad and Gandhinagar. Modi waved a green flag to start the new route and travelled in the Metro from Sector 1 station of Gandhinagar to GIFT city.



(L-R) PM Modi and Governor Acharya Devvrat flag off the metro; interact with students on the train

Governor Acharya Devvrat and Chief Minister Bhupendra Patel accompanied the PM on his metro journey, during which he interacted with students and other passengers. As per a government release, part one of phase II spans up to 21 kilometres, covering eight new stations initially. The project, developed by

the Gujarat Metro Rail Corporation (GMRC) in collaboration with the state and Central governments, will expand the metro network, linking key locations between Ahmedabad and Gandhinagar, such as GNLU, PDEU, GIFT City, Raysan, Randesan, Dholakva, Infocity and Sector-1, it said.