

TO FLAG OFF VANDE METRO, INAUGURATE CONVENTION, MEET BENEFICIARIES

PM Modi arrives for 2-day Gujarat visit

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PRIME MINISTER Narendra Modi arrived in Ahmedabad on his first visit to Gujarat after becoming the Prime Minister for the third time, here on Sunday evening.

The PM will flag off the country's first Vande Metro service between Bhuj and Ahmedabad besides several other Vande Bharat trains on Monday.

During his stay, PM Modi will inaugurate the 4th Global Renewables Convention and Expo: Re-Invest. Besides, the PM will interact with beneficiaries of Surya Char free electricity scheme on Monday.

He will also inaugurate phase-2 of the Metro rail project by taking a ride on a train from Sector-1 Metro station in Gandhinagar. Also, in an event to be held at C-1 ground in Ahmedabad, he will inaugurate and lay founda-

tion stone for development projects worth Rs 8,000 crore.

On Sunday, the PM arrived at the Raj Bhavan where Governor Acharya Devvrat welcomed him. According to Western Railway officials, the Ahmedabad-Bhuj Vande Metro service will stop at nine stations and cover the 360-kilometre distance in 5 hours and 45 minutes at a top speed of 110 kilometres per hour.

The Vande Metro is poised to transform inter-city travel with its advanced medium-distance capabilities, the Railway Ministry said.

For passengers, its regular service will start from September 17 from Ahmedabad and the total journey will cost Rs 455.

Giving a comprehensive overview of the Vande Metro and other Metros being operated in the country, the ministry said, "Vande Metro operates at a maximum speed of 110 km/h, offering faster acceleration and deceleration to passengers. This speed



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IN THE wake of Prime Minister Narendra Modi's visit to Ahmedabad on Monday, the city police have issued a restriction on vehicle movement.

The PM will address a public meeting at the GMDC Ground near Helmet Circle. According to the notification issued by the Ahmedabad city police commissioner, vehicular movement will be closed around the area from 10 am until the event concludes.

The roads from NFD Circle to Satbaba Crossroads, Gurukul T-junction, Helmet Crossroads, Blind People's Association (BPA) Crossroads, and Sanjivani Hospital near Vastrapur will be closed for vehicles, according to the notification.

Alternate routes for these roads have been listed out by the police: for Helmet Crossroads and NFD Circle, the road from Judges Bungalow Crossroads,

PM visit: Police issue traffic diversions

Keshavnagar T-junction, Dada Sahab Na Pagla, BPA Crossroads, Panjrapole Crossroads and Vijay Crossroads have been suggested.

Similarly, commuters moving towards AEC Crossroads can use the roads through Govinddham Gurdwara, Thaltej Crossroads, Hebbatpur Crossroads, and Satradhar Crossroads. From Sai Baba crossroads, the traffic has been diverted through Surdhara Circle, Swami Vivekanand Circle and Sola Crossroads.

On Monday morning, PM Modi is scheduled to interact with beneficiaries of PM Surya Char Muft Bijli Yojana in Gandhinagar following which he will inaugurate the 4th Global Renewable Energy Investors Meet and Expo at Mahatma Mandir.

Later in the day, he will inaugurate the Ahmedabad Metro Rail project from Section 1 Metro Station to GIFT City Metro Station.