

# PM to launch ₹8,000 crore projects

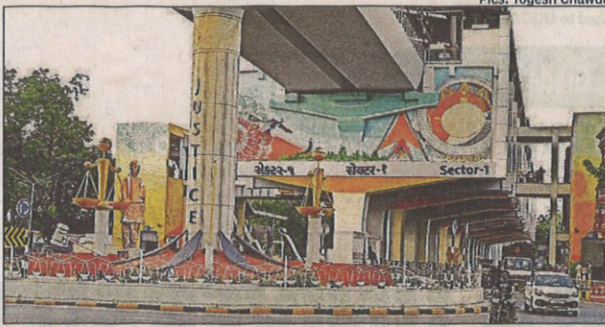
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**Gandhinagar:** Prime Minister Narendra Modi is set for a whirlwind three-day tour of Ahmedabad and Gandhinagar, starting Sunday, September 15. His visit kicks off with an evening event at the Airforce Station in Vadsar, just outside Ahmedabad, before he heads to the Raj Bhavan in Gandhinagar for his stay.

On Monday, PM Modi will spearhead the inauguration of RE-Invest 2024 at the Mahatma Mandir in Gandhinagar, a major conference spotlighting India's advances in renewable energy. This global event will feature a packed agenda, including chief ministerial plenaries, CEO roundtables, and sessions on green hydrogen and innovative financing. Countries like Germany, Australia, Denmark and Norway, alongside partner states from across India, will be in attendance, highlighting the country's commitment to a sustainable future.

During his visit, Modi will also lay the foundation for numerous development projects worth Rs. 8,000 crore. Key initiatives include the expansion of railway lines, new road developments in Ahmedabad, and the construction of flyovers. Additionally, he will inaugurate a 30MW solar system and a 35MW BESS Solar PV project at Kutch lignite thermal power station and 220 kV substations in Morbi and Rajkot.

Other highlights include the sanctioning of over 30,000 homes under the Pradhan Mantri Awas Yojana - Gramin.



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Prime Minister Narendra Modi is set to inaugurate the second phase of the Ahmedabad-Gandhinagar Metro Rail Project on Sep 16

## ₹2L ex gratia for kin of 8 Dehgam victims

**Gandhinagar:** Prime Minister Narendra Modi has announced ex gratia for the eight victims of the tragic drowning incident in Dehgam on Friday. The families of each deceased will receive Rs 2 lakh from the PM's National Relief Fund, while those injured will be granted Rs 50,000. The PMO shared the news on X, stating: "PM Modi has announced Rs 2 lakh for the families of those who lost their lives in the Dehgam incident, and Rs 50,000 for the injured." Eight youths, aged between 20 and 25, drowned in the Meshwo at Vasna-Sogathi village in Dehgam taluka of Gandhinagar on Friday evening. The victims had waded into the river to bathe before Ganesh visarjan but got caught in a whirlpool. TNN

### BRTS CORRIDOR ALTERED:

Ahead of Prime Minister Narendra Modi's visit to Ahmedabad on Monday for the inauguration of Metro Phase 2, the city administration has made several preparations, including a temporary alteration to the BRTS corridor. "A small portion of the BRTS corridor near the GMDC ground entrance has been modified to allow easier access for the Prime Minister's cavalcade. This decision came after instructions from the Special Protection Group (SPG) to provide convenient entry to the venue," says a senior Ahmedabad Municipal Corporation (AMC) official. AMC officials stated that the modified corridor section will be restored. TNN

## Foundation stones for four flyovers to be laid

**Ahmedabad:** PM Narendra Modi will lay the foundation stone for six-lane flyovers at Bakrol, Hathijan, Ramol and Panjrapol junctions on SP Ring Road in the city. Ahmedabad Urban Development Authority (AUDA) has already operationalized 16 flyovers and built two river bridges on SP Ring Road.

AUDA plans to construct 10 more bridges on SP Ring Road, of which the foundation stone for six flyovers has already been laid and work has started, while the foundation stone for the remaining four will be laid by the PM. This project will cost Rs 391.16 crore.

The PM will also inaugu-

rate the Zundal urban poor housing scheme, built at a cost of Rs 128 crore. He will also oversee the groundbreaking and inauguration of city projects totalling Rs 649 crore. They include inauguration of the Rs 405 crore iconic roads project, including Ashram Road.

Additionally, PM Modi will perform the groundbreaking ceremony for a 30MW solar system. In Naroda, two EWS schemes consisting of 1,215 houses, costing Rs 81 crore, will be inaugurated. A water distribution station in Thakkarbapannagar worth Rs 21.58 crore and shelter homes in Narol and Nikol costing Rs 15 crore will also be inaugurated. TNN

## First Vande Metro to be flagged off

**Ahmedabad:** The Ahmedabad-Bhuj Vande Metro service, the first in the country, is an unreserved air-conditioned train which will be flagged off by PM Narendra Modi on Monday, a railway official said.

According to the railways, the Ahmedabad-Bhuj Vande Metro service will have a seating capacity of 1,150 and another 2,058 passengers can stand on it. It will have a minimum fare of Rs 30.

Officials said the train will stop at nine stations and cover the 360km distance in 5



Will ply between Ahmedabad, Bhuj

hours and 45 minutes with a top speed of 110km per hour. It will depart from Bhuj at 5.05am and reach Ahmedabad Junction at 10.50am. It will depart Ahmedabad at 5.30pm and will reach Bhuj

at 11.10pm.

Western Railway (Ahmedabad division) public relations officer Pradeep Sharma said, "It will accommodate 2,058 standing and 1,150 sitting passengers." The 'Vande Metro' is designed on the lines of the indigenous semi-high-speed train Vande Bharat with fully air-conditioned coaches and the 'Kavach' anti-collision system. The train will halt at Sabarmati, Chandlodiya, Viramgam, Dhrangadhra, Halvad, Samakhiali, Bhachau, Gandhidham and Anjar. TNN