



# Prime Minister laid the Foundation Stone of Development Projects worth more than Rs 12,600 crore in Jabalpur

## Why In News?

On October 5, 2023, Prime Minister Narendra Modi laid the foundation stone of development projects worth more than Rs 12,600 crore in sectors like roads, rail, gas pipelines, housing and clean drinking water in Jabalpur, Madhya Pradesh and dedicated them to the nation.

## Key Points:

- The Prime Minister performed the Bhoomi Pujan of 'Veerangana Rani Durgavati Memorial and Garden' in Jabalpur in line with the 500th birth centenary celebrations of Rani Durgavati.
- 'Veerangana Rani Durgavati Memorial and Garden', to be built in Jabalpur at a cost of about Rs 100 crore, will be spread over an area of about 21 acres. A 52 feet high bronze statue of Rani Durgavati will be displayed in it.
- This complex will have a magnificent museum showcasing the history of the Gondwana region including the bravery and courage of Rani Durgavati. It will also throw light on the food, art, culture, lifestyle etc. of the Gond people and other tribal communities.
- The premises of 'Veerangana Rani Durgavati Memorial and Garden' will have several parks and gardens including a garden for medicinal plants, a cactus garden and a rock garden.
- It is noteworthy that Rani Durgavati was the ruler of Gondwana in the middle of the 16th century. He is remembered as a brave, fearless and courageous warrior who fought for independence against the Mughals.
- More than 1000 beneficiary families will benefit from the Light House Project in Indore, constructed at a cost of approximately Rs 128 crore under the Pradhan Mantri Awas Yojana-Urban. But this project to build quality houses has used innovative technology, 'Prefabricated Sandwich Panel System with Pre-Technology based Steel Structure System'. With this innovative technology, houses are constructed with all the basic amenities in a very short time.
- To provide safe and adequate tap water to every family, the foundation stone of several Jal Jeevan Mission projects costing more than Rs 2350 crore was laid in Mandla, Jabalpur and Dindori districts. The Prime Minister also inaugurated the Jal Jeevan Mission project worth more than Rs 100 crore in Seoni district. About 1575 villages of Madhya Pradesh will benefit from these projects in four districts of the state.
- The Prime Minister laid the foundation stone and inaugurated various projects worth more than Rs 4800 crore to improve road infrastructure in Madhya Pradesh.
- The Prime Minister laid the foundation stone of various road projects, including - upgradation of Jharkheda-Berasia-Dhol Khaidi road connecting NH 346; Upgradation of Balaghat-Gondia section of NH 543 to four laning; Four-laning of Khandwa bypass connecting Rudhi and Deshgaon; Four-laning of Temagaon to Chicholi section of NH 47; Making the road connecting Boregaon to Shahpur four lane and the road connecting Shahpur to Muktai Nagar four lane. The Prime Minister inaugurated the upgradation of NH 347C road connecting Khalghat to Sarwardevla.
- The Prime Minister dedicated railway projects worth more than Rs 1850 crore to the nation. These include doubling of railway lines connecting Katni-Vijaysota (102 km) and Marwasgram-Singrauli (78.50 km). Both these projects are part of the project of doubling the railway line connecting Katni-Singrauli section. These projects will improve the rail infrastructure of Madhya Pradesh, which will benefit trade and tourism in the state.

- The Prime Minister inaugurated the Vijaipur-Auraiya-Phulpur Pipeline Project. The 352 km long pipeline has been constructed at a cost of more than Rs 1750 crore. The Prime Minister also laid the foundation stone of the Nagpur-Jabalpur section (317 km) of the Mumbai-Nagpur-Jharsuguda Pipeline Project. This project will be completed at a cost of more than Rs 1100 crore.
- Gas pipeline projects will provide clean and affordable natural gas to industries and households and will also help in reducing emissions into the environment. The Prime Minister also inaugurated a new bottling plant in Jabalpur, which has been constructed at a cost of approximately Rs 147 crore.



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