Modi launches projects worth ₹10 trillion in UP

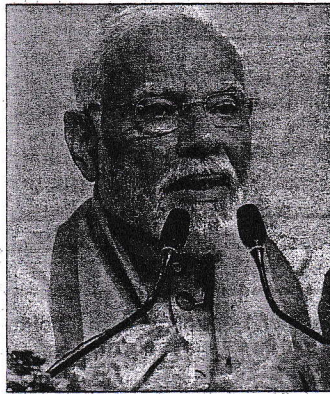**PRESS TRUST OF INDIA**
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PRIME MINISTER NARENDRA Modi launched 14,000 projects across Uttar Pradesh worth more than ₹10 trillion at the fourth ground-breaking ceremony here on Monday for investment proposals received during the UP Global Investors Summit.

The projects relate to sectors such as manufacturing, renewable energy, food processing, housing and real estate, hospitality and entertainment, and education.

Uttar Pradesh governor Anandiben Patel, defence minister Rajnath Singh and chief minister Yogi Adityanath also attended the event.

Several industrialists, representatives of top global and Indian companies, and many foreign envoys also attended the programme.

Modi said the culture of "red tape" has been replaced with the "red carpet" for investors in the

Prime Minister Narendra Modi at the ground-breaking ceremony for investment proposals received during the UP Global Investors Summit, in Lucknow on Monday. PTI

seven years of the "double-engine" government in Uttar Pradesh.

In his address at a ground-breaking ceremony, he said an environment of trade, development and trust has emerged in the state.

"Seven-to-eight years ago, one could not even think that such an environment of investment and jobs would be made in UP. Crime and riots were common then and no one would have even believed if anyone said that UP would be developed," he said, targeting earlier governments.

3 IIMs to be inaugurated; 3 more IITs proposed

In a boost to the education sector, Prime Minister Modi will inaugurate campuses of three IIMs -- Jammu, Bodh Gaya and Visakhapatnam -- and lay the foundation stone of several projects worth over ₹13,000 crore on Tuesday.

The projects include a permanent campus of IIT Bhilai, IIT Tirupati, IIT Jammu, IIITDM Kancheepuram; Indian Institute of Skills (IIS) - a pioneer skill training institute on advanced technologies - in Kanpur; and two campuses of Central Sanskrit University in Uttarakhand's Devprayag and in Agartala, Tripura.