

PM flags off first 9,000 HP electric loco engine in Guj

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Prime Minister Narendra Modi on Monday inaugurated the country's first 9,000 horsepower (HP) locomotive engine, a locomotive manufacturing shop, and rolling stock workshop built at a cost of ₹21,405 crore in Gujarat's Dahod.

Siemens, which has bagged the project from the Railways to design, engineer, manufacture and maintain 1,200 electric locomotives of 9,000 HP, said this would be crucial in realising the government's target to increase the share of railways in freight movement to 45 per cent from the current 27 per cent. Each of the 1,200 locomotives of 9,000 HP has a speed of 120 km/hour. The locomotives, which have a haulage capacity of 5,800 tonnes, are designed to transport freight across India.

Meanwhile, addressing a rally in Dahod, Modi said Pakistan's sole objective was to foster hatred towards India and orchestrate harm, while India remains steadfast in its pursuit of poverty eradica-



Prime Minister Narendra Modi at a locomotive manufacturing shop and rolling stock workshop, in Gujarat's Dahod on Monday

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tion and economic advancement. He hailed Operation Sindoor and said "those daring to wipe off the *sindoor* of our sisters must know their end is near". In Bhuj, the PM, who on Monday completed 11 years in office, said: "While India believes in tour-

ism, Pakistan considers terrorism as tourism. I want to ask the people of Pakistan — what they have achieved? Today, India is the fourth largest economy in the world. But what is your situation? Those who promoted terrorism ruined your future."