

PM launched projects in Chennai

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Context - The Prime Minister of India launched 11 projects in Chennai.

The Indian Prime Minister Narendra Modi arrived in Tamil Nadu's capital city Chennai and launched several welfare and developmental projects worth over Rs 31,400 crores.

Key Developments

- It also included the Bangalore-Chennai Expressway, the foundation stones for the redevelopment of five Railway stations in Tamil Nadu – Chennai Egmore, Rameswaram, Madurai, Katpadi, and Kanyakumari.
- The redevelopment of the railway stations project is expected to be completed at a cost of over ₹1,800 crores.
- Additionally, PM Modi is scheduled to inaugurate 1,152 houses constructed under the 'Light House Project Chennai' and built at a cost of ₹116 crores under the Pradhan Mantri Awas Yojana-Urban.
- Overall, the Prime Minister is scheduled to lay the foundation stone for 11 projects worth over ₹31,500 crores in Chennai.

About the Projects

- The 75 km long Madurai-Teni, the railway gauge conversion project, built at a cost of over ₹500 crores, will boost tourism in the region while the 30 km long third railway line between Tambaram-Chengalpattu, built at a cost of over ₹590 crore, which is likely to boost suburban connection.
- The project has been completed in quick time and will prove to be a boon to the poor.
- This will be the PM's first visit to Chennai after the DMK government came to power in the state last year.
- The Prime Minister will dedicate to the nation and lay the foundation stone of 11 projects worth over ₹31,400 crore at Jawaharlal Nehru Indoor Stadium in Chennai.
- These projects will also help significantly improve socio-economic prosperity in the region, have a transformative impact on several sectors and also help create employment opportunities,