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Press Release

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PM inaugurated the New Integrated Terminal Building of Tiruchirappalli Airport

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New Delhi, 3rd January, 2024: Hon'ble Prime Minister Narendra Modi inaugurated and laid the foundation stone for 20 infrastructure & development projects worth Rs. 20,140 Crores at Trichy in Tamil Nadu on 2nd January, 2024. This included inauguration, dedication and laid the foundation stone for projects of Airport, Railway, Highway, Seaport, Petroleum & Natural Gas, Atomic Energy and Higher Education.

To cater to the growing demand, Airports Authority of India has developed a New Integrated Terminal Building (NITB) of Tiruchirappalli Airport. Developed at a cost of 1112 Crore, the two-level NITB has the capacity to serve to up to 45 lakh passengers annually and 3480 passengers during peak hours. The elegant terminal hosts state-of-the-art amenities and features for passenger convenience. While 60 Check in counters, 44 Departure and 60 arrival immigration counters ensure swift and smooth transit of passengers, the modern lounges in the terminal will elevate the comfort of the travelers.

The newly constructed apron will augment the Aircraft Parking capacity from 08 to 19 for accommodating Airbus 321 type of aircraft, thus improving the operational efficiency of the airport.

On this occasion, Hon'ble Prime Minister also dedicated multiple railway projects for the state of Tamil Nadu. Doubling of 41.4 Km Rail line section from Salem–Magnesite Junction–Omalur–Mettur Dam section has completed at a cost of Rs.448 Crore. This project will significantly ease the movement of coal for Mettur Thermal Power Station, also raw materials and finished products for other industries located in the Mettur region in Tamil Nadu.

The doubling of rail line section of 160 Km from Madurai - Tuticorin worth Rs.1890 Crore, was dedicated by the Hon'ble PM. This project will enhance railway line capacity and pave the way for operation of more train services for the Southern districts of Tamil Nadu.

Furthermore, Hon'ble Prime Minister also dedicated three rail line electrification projects to the nation. The Electrification projects of Tiruchchirappalli-Manamadurai- Virudhunagar, Virudhunagar – Tenkasi Junction, Sengottai –

Tenkasi Junction - Tirunelveli- Tiruchendur will immensely benefit the people of Tamil Nadu, providing enhanced and swifter connectivity besides contributing to eco-friendly transportation and net zero carbon emissions.

In order to facilitate safe and faster travel to pilgrim, tourist, industrial and commercial centres like Trichy, Srirangam, Chidambaram, Rameshwaram, Dhanushkodi, Uthirakosamangai, Devipattinam, Erwadi, Madurai and many others, the Hon'ble Prime Minister dedicated to the Nation, five National Highway projects in the State that will include development of 39 km four lane road for Trichy – Kallagam section of NH-81; 60 km long 4/2-laning of Kallagam – Meensurutti section of NH-81; development of 29 km four-lane road of Chettikulam - Natham section of NH-785; 80 km long two lane with paved shoulder Karaikudi – Ramanathapuram section of NH-536 and 44 km long four laning from 36 Km to 80 Km of NH-179A Salem – Tirupathur - Vaniyambadi Road. The projects will enhance National Highway infrastructure in the State and will reduce travel time.

On this occasion, foundation stone also laid for construction of four lane road from Mugaiyur to Marakkanam of National Highway of 332A. The 31 km long stretch is a feeder route, connecting ports at East Coast of Tamil Nadu which will enhance road connectivity to world heritage site – Mamallapuram and provide better connectivity to Kalpakkam Atomic Power Plant. The project will also help to promote industrial and economic development in the region.

Another project, which was dedicated to the nation is the General Cargo Berth-II (Automobile Export/Import Terminal-II & Capital Dredging Phase-V) of Kamarajar Port, the 12th major Indian seaport, situated 24 kilometres north of Chennai. The inauguration of General Cargo Berth-II built at a total cost of Rs. 341 Crore will mark a monumental addition poised to substantially boost the country's Exim trade. The berth is backed by Transit and Dedicated car parking area.

Hon'ble PM also dedicated to the Nation two important Petroleum and Natural Gas projects worth Rs 5865 crore –IOCL's 488 km long natural gas pipeline from IP101 (Chengalpet) to IP 105 (Sayalkudi) section of Ennore - Thiruvallur - Bengaluru - Puducherry - Nagapattinam - Madurai - Tuticorin Pipeline costing Rs 2793 Crore and HPCL's 697 km long Vijayawada-Dharmapuri Multiproduct (POL) Petroleum Pipeline (VDPL) costing Rs 3072 crore. These projects will facilitate in the direction of energy security in the region and meet the industrial, domestic and commercial requirements of the energy.

Furthermore, Hon'ble Prime Minister also laid the foundation stone of other two petroleum and natural gas projects worth Rs 3016 Crore. GAIL is implementing

323 Km of natural gas pipeline from Krishnagiri to Coimbatore section of KKBMP II costing of Rs 2187 crore and Laying of POL Pipelines in Common Corridor for proposed grass root terminal at Vallur, Chennai with the project cost of Rs 829 crore. These projects together would accelerate the employment generation in the region and help in meeting the additional energy requirement of the region in the coming years. Inauguration of IOCL's construction of new pipeline terminal at Asanur was also done at a cost of Rs. 456 Crore.

On this occasion, PM also dedicated the Demonstration Fast Reactor Fuel Reprocessing Plant (DFRP) of the Dept of Atomic Energy Indira Gandhi Centre for Atomic Research, Kalpakkam to the nation. A plant with a unique design, and only of its kind in the world capable of reprocessing both carbide and oxide fuels discharged from the fast reactors. At a cost of Rs. 400 Crore, entirely designed by Indian scientists, it signifies a crucial step towards constructing large commercial-scale fast reactor fuel reprocessing plants

Hon'ble PM also inaugurated the Boys' Hostel 'AMETHYST' of National Institute of Technology (NIT) – Tiruchirappalli with more than 500 beds. The project was completed in 18 months duration under EWS scheme at a cost of Rs.41 Crore.

Tamil Nadu and South India were gifted with Rs. 20,140 crore worth of transformative development projects. Under Honourable PM's visionary leadership, these projects won't just be milestones but will elevate Tamil Nadu, South India and India to unprecedented levels of development.

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