

**Chief Minister thanks Prime Minister for starting an Express train between Rameshwaram and Ayodhya**

**This Express train will act as a bridge between North and South India : Chief Minister**

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Uttar Pradesh Chief Minister Yogi Adityanath ji has expressed gratitude to Prime Minister Mr. Narendra Modi for starting an Express train between Rameshwaram and Ayodhya.

Providing this information, a state government spokesman said the Chief Minister has expressed hope that this train from the birth place of Lord Ram to Rameshwaram will act as a religious bridge between north and south India.

The Chief Minister while welcoming this move of the union government pointed out that while on one hand this train will give facility to South Indian pilgrims to visit pilgrimages like Ayodhya, Kashi and Allahabad, lakhs of people from Uttar Pradesh will get the facility of visiting Ramnathswami temple, Ram Setu and the Jyotirlinga in Rameshwaram.

He further added that a project to develop and upgrade the Ayodhya railway station was already underway and that the state government was trying to give final shape to many other projects to develop Ayodhya. He also said that this move by the union government will also give boost to religious tourism in north and south India.

It may be pointed out here that Prime Minister Mr. Narendra Modi today flagged off this train via video conferencing from Rameshwaram railway station.

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