



PM Modi's visit to Kashi Vishwanath Temple

Why in News?

- The **Prime Minister of India** recently visited **Varanasi**, marking his **first trip** to the holy city since he assumed office for the **third time**.

Key Points

- He inaugurated the **first phase of the [Kashi Vishwanath Temple corridor project](#)**.
- The corridor **connects the temple to the banks of the [river Ganga](#)** and is a **symbol of India's Sanatan culture**.
- After the inauguration, PM Modi addressed the audience, emphasizing the historical significance of the **Kashi Vishwanath Temple**. He also highlighted the resilience of the city against past invasions and attempts to tarnish its image.
- Before the inauguration, PM Modi offered prayers at the [Kaal Bhairav Temple](#) in Varanasi.
- In the evening, PM Modi witnessed the [Ganga Aarti](#). This visit holds immense cultural and historical significance, celebrating the spirit of Varanasi and its iconic temple.

Kashi Vishwanath Corridor

- **Kashi Vishwanath Corridor** connects the iconic **Kashi Vishwanath temple and the ghats along the river Ganga**.
- Kashi Vishwanath Temple is one of the most famous Hindu temples **dedicated to Lord Shiva**.
- The temple stands on the **western bank of the holy river Ganga** and is one of the [twelve jyotirlingas](#), the **holiest of Shiva temples**.
- Kashi Vishwanath Dham has become one of the top pilgrimage spots in India as a record **12.9 crore devotees visited the shrine in two years**.