

PM launches Mission Bhagiratha, lays foundation for NTPC plant

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Prime Minister Narendra Modi today launched the Mission Bhagiratha of the Telangana government and laid the foundation stone for the ₹10,599-crore 1600 MW NTPC super thermal power plant to come up in Ramagundam.

Apart from laying the foundation stone for the Fertiliser Corporation of India Ltd (FCIL) fertiliser plant in Ramagundam, the PM also laid the stone for Manoharabad to Kothapally railway line, and Kaloji Narayana Rao University of Health Sciences at Warangal.

Addressing the massive gathering at Komatibanda village about 80 km from here in

Gajwel constituency of Medak district, Modi assured Telangana of all necessary support in the State's development activities.

Modi later dedicated the 1200-MW thermal power project of Singareni Collieries Company Ltd developed in Adilabad district of the State with an outlay of ₹7,000 crore.

The fertiliser plant is expected to cost ₹5,254 crore and is aimed at manufacture of ammonia and urea in two units. The plant is a venture of National Fertilisers Ltd, Engineers India Ltd and Fertiliser Corporation of India Ltd.

The Prime Minister's visit to Telangana assumes importance as it is his first after be-

coming the Prime Minister.

State Chief Minister K Chandrasekhar Rao while thanking Modi and the Centre for supporting the State's projects taken up with an outlay of ₹70,000 crore, he said the youngest State is now on rapid growth path.

Mission Bhagiratha is a pet project of the Chief Minister taken up with a massive outlay of ₹42,000 crore. Apart from creating a water grid for supply drinking water to houses, it aims to rejuvenate more than 45,000 water tanks.

The drinking water project launched today, which draws water from Godavari about 250 km away, will supply water to about 66,000 people in Gajwel.