

Pact with DMRC inked, Noida-Greater Noida Metro link to start in October

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NOIDA: The Noida Metro Rail Corporation (NMRC) Friday signed a memorandum of understanding (MoU) with the Delhi Metro Rail Corporation (DMRC) that will look after the maintenance and operations of 29.8km Noida-Greater Noida Metro link for the initial year of its operations.

The MoU was signed in the presence of DMRC director AK Garg and the NMRC managing director Alok Tandon and the other officials. Tandon said the operations on Metro link will start in October.

The NMRC was formed on November 14, 2014, and it owns this ₹5,503 crore project (including land cost). The NMRC, in 2015, had roped in the DMRC to construct the link on May 25, 2015.

"We have signed an MoU with the DMRC for operations and maintenance for the initial one year as our staff are yet to gain the expertise. We will complete the trials and procure all required clearances by September-end so that we can start operations in October. It will be the longest Metro line in the country to become operational at one go," Tandon said.

According to DMRC officials, for the time being, the 26km stretch of Dwarka-Barakhamba is the longest line to become operational at one go.

"We have finished work on small stretches so far. Once the line becomes operational, Noida and Greater Noida will start enjoying seamless connectivity with the Delhi airport and other parts of Delhi-NCR," said a DMRC official, who is not authorised to talk to the media, said.

This link has 21 Metro stations that include sectors 52, 51, 50, 78, 81, Dadri Road, sectors 83, 137, 142, 143, 144, 147, 153, 149, Knowledge Park 2, Knowledge Park 1, Pari Chowk, Alpha 1, Alpha 2, Delta 1 and Depot station. Around 20km of the line is in Noida. The rest is in Greater Noida.

The 30km Noida-Greater Noida link is estimated to have a ridership of 1.2 lakh a day which will rise to 4 lakh by 2031, as per the detailed project report.

The DMRC has received five trains and six more are on its way.

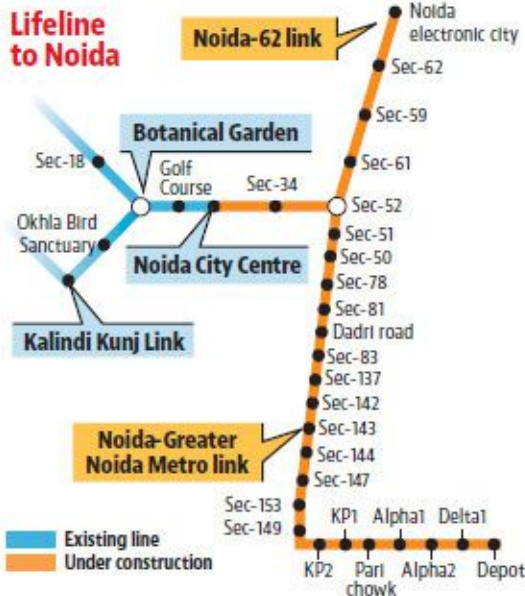
"The trial run is being conducted on a 23km stretch of link. In the next 10 days, we will start trials from end to end. Subsequently, safety inspections will be conducted so that we can get clearances by September and make way for operations in October," Tandon said.

The DMRC will deploy a staff of 100 for the initial year of operations. "We will pay ₹3 crore annually to the DMRC for operations and maintenance. We will pay the salaries of the DMRC staff. Later, our staff will be trained to take over," Tandon said.

Linking Noida-Greater Noida

With work on the metro project complete, the stretch is likely to be operational by October this year

Lifeline to Noida



- The 29.8-km metro link will connect Noida and Greater Noida areas with rest of the Delhi-NCR.
- Once this link is operational, one can seamlessly travel to IGI Delhi and other parts.

- This link will recycle waste water and depend on solar power
- All stations on the longest line to be operational at one go will have rainwater harvesting system to recharge groundwater table