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THE METRO LINE WILL PROVIDE CONNECTIVITY TO LAKHS OF PEOPLE IN NOIDA AND GREATER NOIDA.

>YOGI ADITYANATH, UP chief minister

Yogi opens Aqua Line Metro to Greater Noida

ON TRACK 29.707km Noida to Greater Noida line operational today; journey between terminal stations to take 48 minutes

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NOIDA: Chief minister Yogi Adityanath inaugurated the Noida-Greater Noida Metro on Friday by travelling from Sector 137 Metro station in Noida to Depot Station in Greater Noida.

Calling the Metro the best and most eco-friendly public transport option. He also remotely launched six other Noida authority projects, including the Kalindi Kunj flyover over the Yamuna barrage, Shilp Haat, new flyover over Shahdara drain and Traffic Park in Sector 108.

"The Metro line will provide connectivity to lakhs of people in Noida and Greater Noida who have only had access to a poor public transport system so far. The Metro line is an efficient transport option that will help mitigate Noida's traffic problems for the next 50 years," Adityanath said.

Adityanath compared the Noida Metro to the Delhi Metro, and gave the Bharatiya Janata Party credit for the latter, adding that it was conceived and approved during the Prime Ministership of Atal Bihari Vajpayee.

He added that the current ridership of the Delhi Metro is around 26 lakh, and said there would have been chaos in Delhi if these Metro riders used their personal vehicles instead.

The fully elevated Aqua Line inaugurated on Friday has 21 stations — 15 in Noida and six in Greater Noida. With a length of 29.707km, officials said it is the longest Metro line to be inaugurated in one go, and in a record time of 3.5 years.

The CM, along with Union minister of state for housing and urban affairs (MoHUA), Hardeep Singh Puri, Noida member of Parliament, Mahesh Sharma and Noida MLA Pankaj Singh reached the Sector 137 Metro station around 1.30pm. After a brief ceremony and flagging off the Metro, the ministers and officials travelled from Noida to Greater Noida.

"The Noida Metro has many specialties. It has solar panels in all stations, which will produce 10MW power every day. It has free drinking water and toilets at every station, and all stations have a good feeder network," Hardeep Singh Puri said.

The ministers also said Noida had received lots of investment over the past year, and spoke about development initiatives that had been undertaken.

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YOGI ADITYANATH, UP CM



Uttar Pradesh chief minister Yogi Adityanath flags off the Noida-Greater Noida Aqua Line on Friday.

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Cities across UP to be part of Metro grid

Gzb to be on Metro grid soon; Kanpur, Agra, Meerut to get Metro lines

9.41 km length of Gzb Metro
1.28 lakh Estimated passengers

While inaugurating the Noida Metro, the CM said Ghaziabad will soon be linked with the Metro network. The Ghaziabad Metro line will be an extension of the Delhi Metro from Dilshad Garden to New Bus Stand in Ghaziabad.

The state government may also soon extend the Blue Line from Vaishali in Ghaziabad towards Sahibabad industrial area. The CM added that three other cities — Kanpur, Agra, and Meerut, will soon get Metro lines.

We successfully launched the Lucknow Metro last year. We have sent the revised detailed project report for Metro lines in Agra, Meerut and Kanpur and expect approvals soon.
ADITYANATH, UP chief minister



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Six Noida authority projects launched

The projects inaugurated on Friday include a bridge built across the river Yamuna parallel to the Kalindi Kunj barrage, Shilp Haat in Sector 33, a new flyover over Shahdara drain, a command and control centre in Sector 94, an old-age home and orphanage in Sector 62, and Traffic Park in Sector 108. The projects have been built at a combined budget of ₹284.39 crore.

Foundations of three more projects laid

Along with the six projects launched, the foundation stones of three projects were also laid — a 5.5km elevated road above Shahdara drain, a 2.5km elevated road above Dadri Road, and an underpass at the sectors 51/52 and sectors 71/72 traffic intersection. The Noida authority began work on the elevated road on Friday afternoon. These projects have been allotted a budget of ₹1,65.28

Adityanath takes dig at opposition

Taking a dig at the previous chief ministers and opposition leaders of Uttar Pradesh, Adityanath said he has more faith in god than the 'CM's chair'. It is said that several previous CMs of the state refrained from visiting Noida as they believed that coming to Noida would 'jinx' their next run for office. Adityanath said he would not hesitate to visit the cities regularly.

Metro e-rickshaw service launched

All Noida Metro stations will have dedicated e-rickshaw spaces with charging points, work on which is ongoing. About 50 e-rickshaws have already started operating, while a total of 500 such vehicles will be operated from all stations. The e-rickshaws are equipped with GPS tracking systems, customer care solutions and lithium-ion batteries, which can be fully charged in two hours. E-rickshaws will charge a flat rate of ₹10.

The e-rickshaws will charge ₹10 per passenger. They will carry commuters within a radius of 4-5km. We will also launch a mobile application, through which e-rickshaws can be booked.

NARENDRA CHAUHAN, e-rickshaw fleet operator