

Kanpur Metro On Fast Track, UPMRC Set To Roll Out Both Corridors By 2025

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The India-built trainsets for Kanpur Metro.

The Uttar Pradesh Metro Rail Corporation (UPMRC) is poised to commence operations on both corridors of the Kanpur Metro by the year 2024-25.

The first corridor, spanning from IIT Kanpur to Naubasta, will be completely operational by November 2024, while the second corridor, stretching from Agriculture University to Barra will be commissioned by December 2025.

The Kanpur Metro Rail Project encompasses two corridors.

Corridor-I, extending from IIT Kanpur to Naubasta, features 14 elevated stations and seven underground stations. Presently, a 9-kilometer stretch from IIT Kanpur to Motijheel is operational, inaugurated by Prime Minister Narendra Modi on 28 December 2021.

Once fully completed, Corridor-I's 23.8-kilometre length is expected to cater to around 1.5 lakh commuters daily.

Similarly, Corridor-II, spanning 8.38 kilometres from Chandrasekhar Azad Agriculture University to Barra-8, is currently in the implementation phase.

This section includes five elevated stations, namely, Agriculture University Station, Vijay Nagar Chauraha Station, Shastri Chowk Station, Barra-7 Station & Barra-8 and three underground stations at Rawatpur, Kakadeo, and Double Pullia.

The European Investment Bank (EIB) has provided around 650 million euros of the total funding for the Kanpur Metro Rail Project, with the remainder being contributed by the central and state governments.

The total estimated project cost for the Kanpur Metro Rail Project amounts to approximately Rs 11,076 crore.

In the State Budget for 2024-25, presented on 5 February, the Uttar Pradesh government demonstrated a strong commitment to expanding the Kanpur metro network, by allocating Rs Rs 395 crore as the share of UP government.