Agra Metro: PM to open services along Priority Corridor today

AGRA: The stage is set for the inauguration of Agra Metro Rail Project connecting the eastern gate of Taj Mahal with Mankameshwar Temple in the heart of Agra city.

Prime Minister Narendra Modi will virtually inaugurate the project on March 6 in the presence of chief minister Yogi Adityanath. The inauguration will mark the beginning of Metro services along the Priority Corridor of 6 km completed in record time, claimed officials of Uttar Pradesh Metro Rail Corporation Limited (UPMRCL).

It will be an experience for tourists visiting Agra, looking for the traditional city connected to the world heritage site



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of Taj Mahal.

"Agra is home to many UNESCO World heritage sites including the Taj Mahal, Agra Fort, Sikandra Tomb, and the Agra Metro rail system is all set for seamless interconnectivity between these sites for tourists thronging the city in large numbers on a daily basis," stated

Panchanan Mishra, the deputy general manager (DGM), public relations, UPMRCL.

"The Metro rail will start operating on the Priority Corridor comprising six stations on a 6 km-long corridor. The first three elevated stations of the Priority Corridor are Taj East Gate, Shaheed Captain Shubham Gupta and Fatehabad Road Station while Taj Mahal, Agra Fort and Mankameshwar are underground metro stations," he said.

"In all, two corridors of total length 29.4 km are being constructed for the Agra Metro Rail Project. The first corridor is about 14 km which is from Taj East Gate to Sikandra. There will be a total of 13 stations (six elevated and seven underground) in the first corridor," Mishra said.

This corridor will pass through almost all the important places of Agra like Taj East Gate, Shaheed Captain Shubham Gupta Marg, Fatehabad Road, Taj Mahal, Agra Fort, Mankameshwar, Medical College, Agra College, Raja Ki Mandi, RBS College, Shastri Nagar, Guru Ka Tal and Sikandra.

The priority corridor is a part of the first corridor.

The second corridor will be constructed between Agra Cantonment and Kalindi Vihar. The length of this corridor will be 15.4 km and there will be 14 stations on it.