

Yogi hails milestone as Modi flags off Agra Metro from Kol

Takes Inaugural Ride From Taj Mahal Stn To Taj Mahal East

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Lucknow: Prime Minister Narendra Modi virtually inaugurated the Agra Metro from Kolkata on Wednesday.

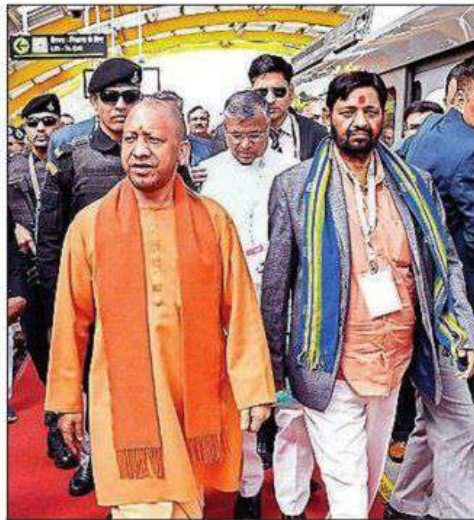
The six-km long priority corridor between Taj East Gate and Mankameshwar was inaugurated in the presence of chief minister Yogi Adityanath.

Yogi, who took the inaugural train ride from the Taj Mahal station to Taj Mahal East station, said that Agra was the sixth city in Uttar Pradesh to have the public transport system.

He also congratulated the people of Agra for the accomplishment which will change the way people in the city commute.

The priority corridor covers six stations including Taj East Gate station, Captain Shubham Gupta station (earlier Basai station), Fatehabad road station, Taj Mahal Station, Agra Fort station and Mankameshwar station (earlier Jama Masjid station).

"Work on the Agra Metro began in December 2021, and within two years, the first 6 km work on the Priority Sec-



(L) CM Yogi during the inauguration of Agra Metro and the interiors of newly developed Agra Metro station

tion has been completed. This includes three elevated and three underground Metro stations. With the completion of this work, Metro services have also started," the CM said.

Thanking the UP Metro Rail Corporation for the launch of the service, the CM said that the corporation had demonstrated the effective implementation of the PM's vision of development, for the benefit of the people of UP, and of visitors and tourists.

Calling their work on the Metro services in Kanpur,

Lucknow and Agra "commendable", the CM said that Agra Metro had set a record by developing three underground stations in an area of 3 km and completing work before the stipulated time.

"Agra is one of the oldest cities in the state, and the city of Brajbhoomi. This city is connected to the tales of valour and bravery of Chhatrapati Shivaji Maharaj. I thank PM Modi for choosing Agra for the Metro project. The work of developing other facilities in Agra like the airport and a civil terminal is also progressing ra-

pidly," the CM said. He added that a JICA aided project for supply of Ganga water was being implemented while other projects like development of Agra as an IT sector were also getting a push.

He said that the Agra Metro, like the Kanpur Metro and Lucknow Metro, will emerge as a symbol of public trust for the quality of work and its completion in record time.

At least 32 students from Kendriya Vidyalaya were given a chance to travel in the metro train during the inaugural run.

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