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Maha Metro Ridership on Continuous Upswing

55,000+ Nagpurians Ride Metro Every Day

Set to Go Up Further



Maha Metro has been registering continuous increase in its ridership. The ridership is on the upswing not just on holidays or weekends, but even weekdays have been recording passenger turnout to the tune of 55,000. Maha Metro had registered a record ridership of 66,428 on 26th June 2022. This figure has broken all previous Ridership records created by Maha Metro before this. The previous best was 60,000 passengers logged on 26th January.

The record ridership is because of extensive co-operation extended by the citizens, while simultaneously, the efforts taken by officials and employees of Maha Metro, under the guidance of Maha Metro MD Dr Brijesh Dixit. Multiple efforts at various levels, as listed below, helped in meeting this target.

- **Increased Train Timings** – The train timings were increased from 6.30 am to 10 pm. The increase in train timings helped metro to cater to the huge section of students who had to rush to school or college in the morning hours. Similarly, the train timings till 10 pm ensure that those working late, especially in the industrial areas of MIHAN or Hingna, could catch the last train to reach their destination. Frequency and train timings were changed keeping in mind the commuters' demand and rush.
- **Facilities at Metro Stations:** All Maha Metro stations offer a range of facilities for commuters. Starting with the ease with which one can enter a station using a multiple options like lift, escalator, staircase, Maha Metro stations offer unique Automatic Fare Collection (AFC) Gates where a commuter has to just tap his ticket or Card to gain entry. Special facilities like tactile flooring for diwyang help the specially abled citizens easy access.
- **Feeder Service** – Maha Metro has put a great emphasis on Last and First Mile Connectivity through its Feeder services. The fact that components of Non-Motorized Transport (NMT) like cycle, e-cycle, e-scooter, e-rickshaw have been provided at Metro Stations have given the Metro train commuters to reach their destination easily. This has been helping the students and those working in industrial areas alike.
- **Metro Samwad** – Right since inception Maha Metro has been focusing on Metro Samwad – the Public Outreach Activity – which aims at reaching out to people and giving details of the project. This has helped in explaining people about the advantages of Metro train travel, giving information about the timings, fare, feeder services and other such aspects. Metro Samwad is conducted in educational institutions, commercial establishments, government, public or private sector offices and at other locations, as per requirement.
- **Maha Card & Mobile App** – The extensive use of Maha Card and Mobile App has played a big role in the enhanced ridership. Realising the need for introducing digital payment, Maha Metro introduced these two concepts. This made Metro travel easy as journey fare could be paid by using these

either Maha Card or Mobile App. Use of Card or App ensures that passenger need not stand in queue for getting a journey ticket.

- **Station Ambassador** – In order to reach area wise locations, Maha Metro honoured and nominated prominent personalities of the city as Station Ambassadors. The prominent personalities helped in spreading the message about Maha Metro and its various aspects. Maha Metro officials helped the station Ambassadors in spreading a word about Metro travel and its various other related aspects.
- **Metro Rides** – Maha Metro conducted rides of various organizations, school students, children, specially-able persons, women to make them aware of the importance of Metro travel. Such rides encourage others to also take up Metro train travel. Similarly other functions and events like Music programmes too were organized at Metro stations to promote Metro Ridership.

Of all Metro Stations, Sitabuldi Interchange – given its strategic location – commands maximum ridership. In fact as much as 20 %-25 % of the total ridership is generated by this station, which enables passengers to shift to Aqua Line from Orange Line and vice versa.

Nagpur Metro has reached a milestone and has crossed the 66,000 mark. With all round efforts being taken by officials, the figure is set to further increase in the coming days as more and more Nagpurians chose to travel by Metro.



Let us Pledge to Work for Betterment of Country

Freedom Fighters Felicitated At Sitabuldi Interchange

Drawing Contest, Freedom Fighter Ride, Band Performance at Metro Stations

Maha Metro Nagpur has been organizing a series of events to commemorate Azadi Ka Amrut Mahotsav (AKAM) being observed across the country. As part of the same, Drawing Competition, Ride for Freedom Fighters and Band Performance by Central Reserve Police Force (CRPF) was organised at Maha Metro Stations on 13th August.

Apart from this, an exhibition jointly organized by Maha Metro Nagpur and Central Bureau of Communication, Ministry of Information and Broadcasting, Government of India was inaugurated at Sitabuldi Interchange by Union Minister for Road Transport and Highways Shri Nitin Gadkari. Maha Metro MD Dr Brijesh Dixit was chief guest for the event.

Three freedom fighters – Shri Sheshrao Murkute, Shri Basant Kumar Chaurasia and Shri Mahadev Kamdi were felicitated by Dr Dixit, at an event held at Sitabuldi Interchange. Speaking on the occasion, Dr Dixit stressed the need to ensure that we all work for the betterment of the country and strive for its progress.

Speaking about the role of freedom fighters, he said, it is because of the sacrifices made by the freedom fighters that we are celebrating Azadi Ka Amrut Mahotsav. "We as a nation have progressed a lot these years and have to continue this momentum," Dr Dixit said. It is matter of great honour that those who made sacrifices for country are amongst us, he said.

Speaking on the exhibition on Azadi Ka Amrut Mahotsav being held at Sitabuldi Interchange, he said, this will inspire the people to work for the betterment of the country. The President of Unnati Foundation Shri Atul Kotecha made introductory remarks. Director (Strategic Planning) Shri Anil Kokate and Executive Director (Operation and Maintenance) Shri Uday Borwankar were present on the occasion.

Metro Ride for Freedom Fighters: The three freedom fighters, who were felicitated on the occasion – Shri Sheshrao Murkute, Shri Basant Kumar Chaurasia and Shri Mahadev

Kamdi rode Metro train and travelled from Sitabuldi Interchange-Kasturchand Park-Khapri-Sitabuldi. They spoke highly of the Metro services being operated in Nagpur. The freedom fighters thanked Dr Dixit for the same.

Drawing Competition: As part of the AKAM celebrations, Drawing Competition was also organised at Zero Mile Freedom Park Metro Station. More than 40 contestants of various age groups participated in the contest. The theme for the contest was '75 Years of Indian Independence and Changing Scenario of Transport Services in Nagpur'. The winners of the contest would soon be awarded.

CRPF Band Performance: A band performance by Central Reserve Police Force (CRPF) team was also organised at Zero Mile Freedom Park Metro Station. The CRPF team played tunes and songs based on patriotism. Metro commuters and others listened patiently to the CRPF band team scores.



Celebrations of 'HAR GHAR TIRANGA'

On-board the metro stations & trains



TIRANGA ON-BOARD PUNE METRO

The 'Har Ghar Tiranga' was celebrated between August 12-15, 2022 with variety of activities and programs on-board the stations and train. 1000 Tirangas were distributed to school children who were invited to 'Metro Samwad' with few activities and an experiential train ride.



CELEBRITIES ON-BOARD THE METRO

Pune Metro had invited distinguished guests on-board the Metro Station with a memorable Metro Train Ride. These celebrities had spent time with the passengers on-board the station and the train & had enjoyed the best of their time for the first time with Pune Metro and were astonished to experience the Metro Systems.

Dr. Ravikumar Chitnis, Vice-Chancellor. MIT World Peace University, Kothrud.

Dr. Ravikumar Chitnis, on-board the Garware College Metro Station along with the faculty members and about 100 students from the MIT college for the Metro Ride from Garware College Metro Station to Vanaz and back.



Dr. Vidya Yeravdekar Principal Director & Pro-Chancellor, Symbiosis International University, Pune.

Dr. Vidya Yeravdekar is a global celebrity in the field of education and we had the privilege to have her along 200 students including the foreign students at the Garware College Metro Station. She was also the guest of honour to open the exhibition of 'Freedom Fighters' to the citizens in the august presence of Dr. Shahsane and Mr. Joshi, 94 years of age, an expert and a seasoned professional and the master of Yoga who incidentally was the Guru to Dr. Mujumdar, founder of Symbiosis Group of Institutions. All of them had a wonderful and memorable train trip with the celebrity along with all the students from Garware College to Vanaz and back.



Dr. Pawan Agrawal, Director, Mumbai Dabbawalla & Dr. Sachin Vernekar, Director and Dean, Bharti Vidyapeeth University, Kothrud.

One of the celebrities who was with Pune Metro is the world famous and supply chain of Lunch Boxes in the city of Mumbai, Dr. Pawan Agrawal, a Doctorate with a thesis in the 'Study of Logistics & Supply Chain Management of the Dabbawalas in Mumbai', a Mentor and an International Motivational Speaker had visited Garware College Metro Station along with another celebrity from the field of Education, Dr. Sachin Vernekar along with 100 students from Institute of Management & Entrepreneurship Development, BVP, Kothrud to address the students and also take the Metro Ride with the Integrated Feeder Bicycle on-board the metro train from Garware College to Vanaz and back.



Addl. Commissioner, PCMC – Dindi on-board Metro Station & Train

We had a very traditional and unique 'Palkhi' carrying the Book of 'Constitution of India' along with other very important books carried by 350 students from different Government Schools under PCMC jurisdiction, colourfully and gracefully dressed up like several Freedom Fighters and also in various traditional attire. This event was organized by the Commissioner of Pimpri Chinchwad Municipal Corporation (PCMC). All of them had taken the train from PCMC to Phugewadi and back.

Dr. Prabhat Ranjan, Vice Chancellor of D Y Patil International University, Akurdi, Pune.

We also had Dr. Prabhat Ranjan, a Nuclear Fusion Scientist, a Futurist, an Educator, an Innovator and a Science Communicator and currently Vice Chancellor of D Y Patil International University, Akurdi, Pune along with 300 students and faculty on-board the PCMC Metro Station and the Metro Train from PCMC to Phugewadi and back.



Celebrity from the Marathi Film Industry – Cine Actor Ms. Madhuri Pawar.

We had the upcoming celebrity from the Marathi Film Industry Ms. Madhuri Pawar at Sant Tukaram Nagar Metro Station along with about 200 women to take part in the Fashion Show organized by our Sant Tukaram Nagar Metro Station Brand Ambassador Mr. Abhay Bhor. We have given the Winners & Participation Certificates to the participants of different cultural programs and activities.



ENHANCING RIDERSHIP THROUGH VARIOUS CITIZEN ENGAGEMENT PROGRAMS ON INDEPENDENCE DAY



Flag Hoisting: The Independence Day began with the first of its kind of 'Flag Hoisting' been hoisted at PCMC Metro Station & Sant Tukaram Nagar Metro Stations. One of the well-known schools 'SNBP International School' located at Pimpri had celebrated their school's flag hoisting at PCMC Metro Station in the presence of 500 students with their founders and teachers in full attendance at the Metro Station. Colourful cultural programs by the students on-board the PCMC Metro Station were also organised.

The Sant Tukaram Nagar Metro Station Brand Ambassador Mr. Abhay Bhor had hoisted the Tiranga at the metro station in the presence of the 50 workers working at various SSI units at Bhosari MIDC and have taken the Metro Ride from Sant Tukaram Nagar Metro Station to Phugewadi and back followed by various cultural programs in association with 'Durga Brigade' an NGO working for the up-liftment of un-employed women around MIDC Bhosari, at the station inviting hundreds of citizens living around the Metro station.



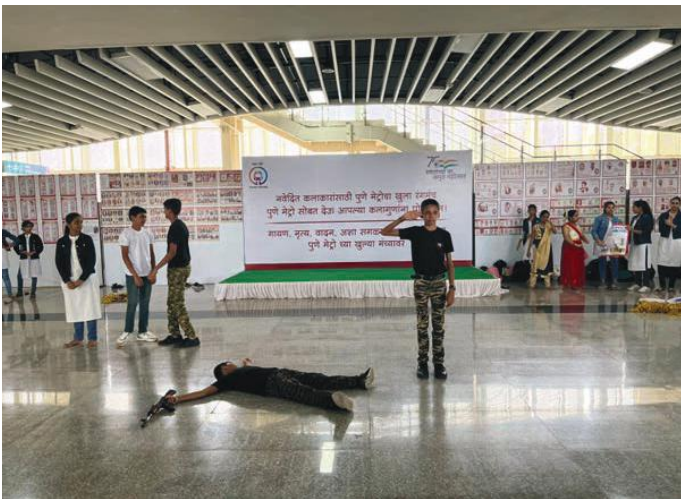
OTHER CULTURAL PROGRAMS AT METRO STATIONS



Cultural Show - The PCMC Metro Station Brand Ambassador Ms. Sangeeta Tarde, President of the NGO 'Apli Sakhi', a Woman's organization with over 50,000 members had organized several programs at the station inviting close to 2000 members who took part in the activities and programs along with the Metro Train Ride too. The activities included Fancy Dress Competition for the children, Fashion Show for women, Karaoke Music and also arranging an all 'Woman Music Band' to perform live show at the station till the last train service.



An art and sketch gallery was set up along with the children doing the 'Portrait' sketching of the passengers on-board the Garware College Metro Station. Passengers of all ages had the fun in sketching their ideas and thoughts on the drawing sheets provided to them at the stall.



DY Patil University Students from Akurdi had performed few of the activities which included, Nukkad Natak on the subject of Pollution, Traffic Congestion, Safety and Environment apart from a Fashion Show, Flash-mob and few dance sequences.



An evening on Metro – Live music with Karaoke performed by the members of the Rotary Club of Pune at Garware College Metro Station. The group had sung the greatest of 'Patriotic' songs with the blend of super hit old and new songs along with the students of the 'Rosary' school.



CELEBRATIONS ON WHEEL



The world renowned Jadugar family's celebration on-board the pune metro.

The 3rd generation Jadugar Mr. Jitendra Raghuvir had celebrated his son's birthday, Master Ishan Jitendra Raghuvir, on-board the Pune Metro Train along with their family members, relatives and friends. They cut the birthday cake on-board the train and continued their celebrations at Garware College Metro Station post the celebrations on-board the train.

FREE WELFARE ACTIVITIES FOR MAHA METRO EMPLOYEES

Good health is important for everyone in today's era. Since improved quality of life starts with good health, Maha Metro had arranged **Free Health check-up** in association with Jahangir Hospital. The Health check-up camp was arranged from 22.08.2022 to 24.08.2022 at 6 different location of Maha Metro, Pune i.e. Koregaon Park, Ghole Road, Civil Court, Vanaz Depot, Phugewadi, Range Hill.



The health check-up included various routine test such as Weight, BP, Sugar, ECG, and other any required consultation.

Total 298 employees participated in the health check-up camp across all offices of Maha Metro, Pune. This was done **free of cost for all employees** and without any financial burden on the Maha Metro Administration.

Free webinar on "Wealth Awareness Program-Financial Wellness" was arranged on 05.08.2022 for all employees of Maha Metro, Pune. The webinar covered queries related to Investment options available and Investment planning for individual, basic information on converting liabilities into assets, Financial Management for better future

This has benefited employees to understand the importance of investment and saving for further financial life goals.

Ham, The Astronaut

Ham also known as **Ham the Chimp** and **Ham the Astrochimp**, was the first Great Ape launched into space. On January 31, 1961, Ham flew a suborbital flight on the Mercury-Redstone 2 mission from Cape Canaveral, Florida, part of the U.S. space program's Project Mercury.

US space agency National Aeronautics and Space Administration (NASA) used chimpanzees and other primates to test the Mercury capsule before launching the first American astronauts. Ham's name is an acronym for the laboratory that prepared him for his historic mission — the Holloman Aerospace Medical Center, located at Holloman Air Force Base in New Mexico, southwest of Alamogordo. Ham was born in the French Cameroons, West Africa, in July 1957. He was purchased by the US Air Force and brought to Holloman Air Force Base in New Mexico in 1959.

There were originally 40 chimpanzee flight candidates at Holloman. After evaluation, the number of candidates was reduced to 18, then to six, including Ham. Officially, Ham was known as No. 65 before his flight, and only renamed "Ham" upon his successful return to Earth.

Ham's training began in July 1959. He was taught to push a lever within five seconds of seeing a flashing blue light. To respond properly, he received banana pellets as reward.

On January 31, 1961, the chimp dressed in a mini spacesuit, was launched aboard a Mercury-Redstone rocket. During his sub-orbital flight, computers on the ground measured normal vital signs, letting mission control know the brave chimp was alive. During the mission, the Mercury capsule lost pressure, but Ham was saved by his spacesuit.



Photo before Take off



Photo after landing safely

He performed his tasks admirably and his capsule touched down safely in the Atlantic at the end of the 16-minute flight. Though he pulled his lever just slightly slower in space than he did on Earth, this feat proved that human motor control was possible in space only when he had safely returned to Earth with nothing worse than a bruised nose.

"A post-flight medical examination found Ham to be slightly fatigued and dehydrated, but in good shape otherwise. Ham's mission paved the way for the successful launch of America's first human astronaut, Alan B. Shepard, Jr., on May 5, 1961," according to NASA's website.

After a thorough medical examination, Ham was transferred to the Washington Zoo in 1963 where he lived until September 25, 1980. He then was moved to the North Carolina Zoological Park in Asheboro.

Ham died on January 17, 1983, at the age of 26. His skeleton was retained for examination by the Armed Forces Institute of Pathology.

His other remains were respectfully laid to rest in front of the International Space Hall of Fame in Alamogordo, New Mexico. The skeleton is held in the collection of the National Museum of Health and Medicine.

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PROGRESS UPDATE



As on 31st August, 2022

| NAGPUR METRO | | |
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| Sr.No. | Stretch | Progress |
| 1 | Khapri to Sitabuldi | 100% |
| 2 | Lokmanya Nagar to Sitabuldi | 100% |
| 3 | Sitabuldi to Kasturchand Park | 100% |
| 4 | Kasturchand Park to Automotive Sq. | 99.9% |
| 5 | Sitabuldi to Prajapati Sq. | 99.9% |

| Pune METRO | | |
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| Sr.No. | Stretch | Progress |
| 1 | Reach 1 (PCMC to Phugewadi) (Priority Section – 1) (E) | 100% |
| 2 | Reach 2 (Vanaz to Garware) (Priority Section – 2) (E) | 100% |
| 3 | Reach 1 (Phugewadi to Civil Court) (E & UG) | 72% |
| 4 | Reach 2 (Garware to Civil Court) (E) | 77% |
| 5 | Reach 3 (Civil Court to Ramwadi) (E) | 82% |
| 6 | Reach 4 (Civil Court to Swargate) (UG) | 47% |

METRO NEW JOINEES

31st August, 2022



NAGPUR METRO



Survi Roy
Manager (Procurement),
NMML-1

PUNE METRO



Shubham Tripathi
Sr. Section Engineer (Track)

Citizens *Love* Maha Metro!

Social media engagement of Pune & nagpur Metro far exceeds its other counterparts in the country.

Pure testimony of 'Maazi Metro'



NAGPUR METRO

Average acquisition of FB followers per month

7,843

6,96,401 LIKES

15,900 FOLLOWERS

1,819,778 VIEWS

18,100 FOLLOWERS



PUNE METRO

Average acquisition of FB followers per month

11,335

6,09,415 LIKES

17,400 FOLLOWERS

3,115,011 VIEWS

36,200 FOLLOWERS

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