



MAHA METRO RAIL CORPORATION LIMITED (PUNE METRO RAIL PROJECT)

Work Commences on the PCMC-Nigdi Stretch of Pune Metro First Pier Laid by Pune Metro on the PCMC-Nigdi Phase 1 extension stretch



Pune, 6th July 2024: Today, at approximately 12:00 hours, the first pier's foundation work on the PCMC-Nigdi stretch of the Pune Metro commenced with the casting of Pier No. 512 at Annabhau Sathe PMPML Bus Stop, Nigdi near Bhakti-Shakti chowk. This significant milestone was achieved after all necessary checks, including detailed soil investigations. MD Maha Metro, Shri Shravan Hardikar, PCMC Commissioner Shri. Shekhar Singh, Director Works Shri. Atul Gadgil, Director systems and operations Shri.

Vinod Agrawal, Executive Director Admin and PR Dr. Hemant Sonawane and other metro and pcmc , pmpml officials were also present for this event.

The work of the elevated viaduct, spanning 4.519 km from Pimpri Chinchwad to Nigdi (Bhakti Shakti) on the North-South Corridor of the Pune Metro Rail Project, has been awarded to Rail Vikas Nigam Ltd. (RVNL) for Rs. 339 Cr. The project is set to be completed in 130 weeks and will feature four stations: Chinchwad, Akurdi, Nigdi, and Bhakti-Shakti. The viaduct will include be builot using 1181 saegments and 151 spans.

This extension is a logical continuation of Corridor-1 of Pune Metro Phase-1, aiming to enhance public transport usage and increase ridership. Located within the jurisdiction of Pimpri Chinchwad Municipal Corporation (PCMC), one of India's most industrialized areas, this line will serve various needs. PCMC, known as "India's Motor City," houses numerous automotive and associated MSMEs.

The extension line will connect key areas: Chinchwad Station will serve commercial, residential, industrial, and religious places and integrate with Chinchwad Indian Railway Station; Akurdi Station will cater to residential, educational, and industrial areas; Nigdi and Bhakti-Shakti Stations will serve residential, entertainment, and religious places and integrate with the city bus depot connecting semi-urban areas like Dehu, Chikhali, Talegaon, and Vadgaon.

There is significant movement of people between PCMC and Pune, and this new metro section will benefit many traveling from suburban areas such as Dehu, Chikhali, Talegaon, and Vadgaon, as well as residents of PCMC, Nigdi, and Akurdi, by providing improved connectivity to eastern, western, southern, and central parts of Pune. Feeder services, including buses, rickshaws, e-rickshaws, bicycles, and e-bikes, will be aligned with these metro stations through route rationalization based on commuter volume. Pune Metro will also integrate multi-modal transit systems seamlessly, ensuring efficient travel. The Pune Metro will improve movement, reduce commute time, and provide safe, timely, cost-saving, and environmentally friendly travel, thus enhancing the quality of life for residents.

Pimpri-Chinchwad Municipal Corporation (PCMC) in Pune is a thriving urban hub, experiencing rapid industrial growth in the automobile and IT sectors and attracting

major companies. The city's infrastructure includes well-planned road networks, connectivity via the Mumbai-Pune Expressway, and upcoming metro links. The PCMC-Nigdi stretch connects industrial and residential zones and features top educational institutions, advanced healthcare facilities, commercial centers, shopping malls, and well-planned residential complexes. The Nigdi Bus Stand and the forthcoming metro line enhance connectivity, making it a vital transport hub. Recreational spaces like Bhakti Shakti Park, cultural events, and proximity to industrial zones add to its appeal.

On this occasion Shri. Shekhar Singh, PCMC Commissioner said, "Work on the PCMC to Nigdi extended Metro line is starting today. This route will connect major residential areas, factories, schools, and colleges in the region. PCMC will provide all possible assistance to ensure the successful completion of this project."

On this occasion, MD Maha Metro Shrawan Hardikar said, "The PCMC to NI extended route will be connected by Metro. A timeline of 130 weeks has been scheduled to complete this work, and Pune Metro has made the necessary arrangements to ensure the project is completed within the specified timeframe."

