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A'bad-G'nagar Metro to begin by July-end

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Metro line connecting Gandhinagar and Ahmedabad to the GIFT City is expected to be operational by the end of July, announced the Gujarat Metro Rail Corporation (GMRC) on Saturday.

GMRC said that load testing on two main bridges on this route—Sabarmati Bridge near GIFT City and cable-stayed bridge over Narmada Canal near Sughad—has been carried out. While the Narmada Canal Extradosed Bridge spans 303 metres and utilises cable-stay technology, the Sabarmati River Bridge is 960 metres and constructed with box girders. They will serve as a crucial link in the metro rail network connecting Gandhinagar and Ahmedabad to the GIFT City, GMRC said.

The remaining work on stations, tracks, and viaducts for the Ahmedabad Metro Phase-II corridor is expected to be completed by the end of June. Following this, the project will be submitted for statutory inspection by the Commissioner of Metro Rail Safety (CMRS). Consequently, metro train operations are expected to commence around the end of July.