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## Metro rail connecting Motera & Gandhinagar Sector 1 set to begin by July end, says GMRC



Metros run on the cable-stayed bridge over Narmada canal as part of the load test. *Express*

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THE GUJARAT Metro Rail Corporation (GMRC) carried out load testing on two bridges of the Ahmedabad-Gandhinagar Metro Rail connecting Motera and Gandhinagar Sector 1 recently and will be able to start the service on this section by July end, a GMRC statement said on Saturday.

The GMRC, which is a special purpose vehicle (SPV) of the Gujarat Government for the implementation of the Ahmedabad-Gandhinagar Metro Rail, will approach the commissioner of Metro Rail Safety (CMRC) for an inspection of this section by the month end.

"After the process involving their (CMRC) remarks and compliance, (we will move for) the final approval which will take about four to five weeks

and approximately by July end we will run the service on this section", the statement said.

The GMRC conducted the load test on the two main bridges – one on the Sabarmati near GIFT City, which is 960 m long and another on a cable stayed bridge on the Narmada Canal, 303 m long.

Just before Prime Minister Narendra Modi inaugurated the Phase 1 of the Metro in September 2022, the CMRC had pointed out the need for a "third party audit" to attest the structural strength and quality of tunnel segments, viaducts and piers of the elevated sections of the routes.

On May 14, the Phase 1 of the Metro Rail saw a ridership of 1,00,830, which was a record for a normal day.

The Metro currently runs along the east west corridor from Vastral Gam to Thaltej and the north south corridor from Motera to APMC under Phase 1.