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Metro Phase II trial run likely in June

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Gandhinagar: The trial run of Phase II of the Ahmedabad metro project, which will connect Ahmedabad with Gandhinagar, the state capital, is expected to start in June or July this year.

According to top sources in the Gujarat Metro Rail Corporation, work on the last stretch of Phase II is currently on.

The stretch connecting Sector 1 in Gandhinagar to Mahatma Mandir in Corridor 1 is yet to be completed while work on Corridor 2 of the second phase is over.

Corridor 1 will cover a distance of 22.8km from Motera stadium to Mahatma Mandir, while Corridor 2 will cover 5.4km from GNLU to GIFT City. The two corridors comprise Phase II of the Ahmedabad metro rail project which will cover 28.2km and have 22 stations.

Sources said the remaining portion of Corridor 1 will pass from near the Sachivalaya, Akshardham, Sector 16, and end at Mahatma Mandir.

Officials said that the trial run on 20.8km of Phase II



of the project is expected in June or July this year, while the trial run on the remaining 7.4-km stretch from Sector 1 to Mahatma Mandir is likely to be conducted in December.

"We expect to conduct trial runs of Phase II of the Ahmedabad metro project by June or July this year. Once the trial runs are over and the necessary infrastructure is ready, the metro rail connecting Ahmedabad and Gandhinagar, along with GIFT City, is likely to become operational within a few months," the official said.

Phase II of the project is expected to cost Rs 5,384 crore. The work on the second phase of the project began in January 2021.