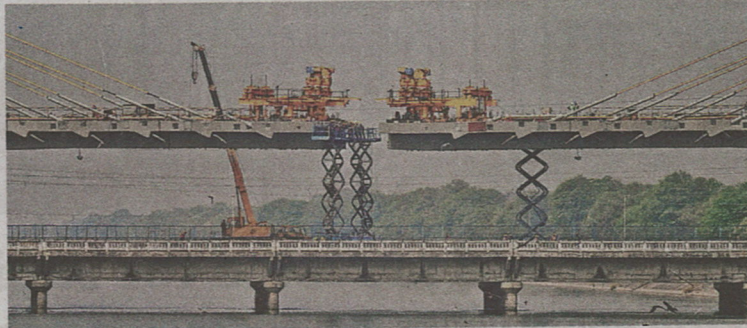


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Metro Phase-2: Pre-launch safety inspection in June

Operations likely to begin by early July

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The second phase of the Metro rail connecting Motera to GIFT City is expected to be operational by early July. Trial runs on this section are currently in progress, and the construction of the cable-stayed-extradosed bridge over the Narmada main canal is nearly complete.

The Commissioner of Metro Rail Safety (CMRS) is expected to inspect the project in the second week of June, officials from Metro Rail told Mirror. After the inspection and addressing queries and concerns, the system will be ready for operations.

Though trial runs have been ongoing since March, some work remains. Upon completion, the metro rail authorities will request an inspection from the CMRS. If everything pro-

ceeds as planned, the Phase-2 route connecting Motera Stadium to GIFT City will be operational in July, the official added.

This will be a partial run, as Phase-2 extends from Motera to Mahatma Mandir. However, the work on the route to Mahatma Mandir will take additional time and is expected to be completed by the end of this year.

One of the distinct features of this phase is the cable-stayed bridge over the Narmada canal. This innovative bridge boasts a central span of 145 metres, complemented by end spans of 79 metres, supported by two impressive pylons at 28.1 metres high.

The total length of the Phase-2 corridor is 28.26 kilometres, which includes 22.84 kilometres of the Motera to Mahatma Mandir corridor and 5.42 kilometres of the GNLU-GIFT City corridor. There are 20 stations from Motera to Mahatma Mandir and 2 in GNLU-GIFT City.