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PM Modi flags off metro service connecting A'bad, Gandhinagar

Ahmedabad: Prime Minister Narendra Modi on Monday inaugurated Phase II of the metro rail extension connecting the twin cities of Ahmedabad and Gandhinagar.

Modi waved a green flag to open the new route and travelled on the Metro from the Sector 1 station of Gandhinagar to GIFT City.

Gujarat governor Acharya Devvrat and chief minister Bhupendra Patel accompanied the Prime Minister on his metro journey, during which he interacted with students and other passengers.

According to a govt release, part one of Phase II covers 21km, covering eight new stations initially.

The project, developed by Gujarat Metro Rail Corporation (GMRC) in collaboration with the state and Central govts, will expand the metro network, linking key locations between Ahmedabad and Gandhinagar, such as GNLU, PDEU, GIFT City, Ray-san, Randesan, Infocity and Sector 1, it said.

The new phase from Motera to Gandhinagar's Sector 1



PM Narendra Modi flags off the metro from the Sector 1 station

will connect hubs such as GIFT City, facilitating easy access for professionals, students and tourists.

The total project cost for Phase II was Rs 5,384 crore, with funding secured through loans from international agencies such as AFD and KfW.

The extended route dramatically reduces travel time

between Ahmedabad and Gandhinagar. For instance, commuters can travel between APMC and GIFT City in under an hour for Rs 35.

Ahmedabad city has two metro corridors. With this extension from Ahmedabad to Gandhinagar, a major connectivity problem between the twin cities has been resolved. PTI