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Headed to G'nagar? Hop on to Metro from Motera

Motera-G'nagar
& GNLU-GIFT
City Services
Start Today

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Ahmedabad: Beginning Tuesday, commuters will have the option to board the Metro from Motera to Gandhinagar and GIFT City. The first train from Motera to Sector 1 in Gandhinagar is scheduled to depart at 8am while the first train in the opposite direction, from Sector 1 to Motera, will commence its journey at 7.20am.

This newly inaugurated Metro line is expected to significantly enhance the connectivity between these key locations, offering a reliable and efficient mode of transportation. Similarly, the first train from GIFT City to Gujarat National Law University (GNLU) will depart at 7.18 am and the one from GNLU to GIFT City will depart at 8.25 am.

The first Metro train on the newly inaugurated corridor was flagged off by Prime Minister Narendra Modi on Monday. The PM boarded the train



PM Narendra Modi with Gujarat governor Acharya Devvrat flags off the Ahmedabad-Gandhinagar Metro Rail Project Phase-2 from Sector-1 Station in Gandhinagar on Monday

from Sector 1 and travelled up to the city. During the nearly 10-minute journey, the PM interacted with school students.

The Metro officials said that the commercial run of the train was halted after the inaugural run on Monday. The regular service will commence from Tuesday.

The Gandhinagar to Motera service will run from 7.20am to 6.40pm and the Motera to Gandhinagar service from 8am to 6.35pm. A train will be available every 80 minutes,

with each journey taking approximately 35 minutes, regardless of the direction of travel. Similarly, the GNLU-GIFT City route will be covered in 10 minutes with a stoppage at Pandit Deendayal Energy University (PDEU). A person coming from GIFT City will have to wait at the GNLU station for eight minutes to board a train to Motera or Sector 1, according to the Metro officials. They said that a passenger will have to change trains at Motera station even if they are on the APMC-Motera-Sector 1 route.

'I bore all insults in interest of people'

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Gandhinagar: Insisting that he focused solely on achieving targets that had been set for the first 100 days of his third stint as Prime Minister, Narendra Modi said in Ahmedabad that the opposition made fun of him, but he bore all insults in the interest of the country.

Terming his three consecutive terms in office as a "big event in Indian democracy", Modi said that this is the first time in 60 years that the people of the country have voted a govt to power thrice consecutively.

"In the first 100 days (of the BJP govt's third term), they (the opposition) made fun, jeered and hurled insults. People were surprised by my silence. They asked why I remained quiet and did not respond to their jeering," the Prime Minister said. He added that he was completely focused on achieving the targets that had been set for the first 100 days of the Modi 3.0 govt.



"Projects worth Rs 15 lakh crore have been announced in the first 100 days of this govt," Modi said.

Listing out some of the achievements of the first 100 days of the Modi 3.0 govt, the PM said that a target of constructing 3 crore housing units has been set, a Rs 2 lakh crore package for employment has been announced, the PM Mudra amount has been doubled to Rs 20 lakh, policy decisions have been announced to increase farmers' income, 15 Vande Bharat trains have been flagged off and metro rail expansion has been announced for several cities.

Bhuj-A'bad Namo Bharat Rapid Rail flagged off

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Ahmedabad: The first Namo Bharat Rapid Rail service from Ahmedabad to Bhuj was flagged off from Bhuj, along with five Vande Bharat Express trains to various destinations and the first 20-coach Vande Bharat Express between Varanasi and New Delhi, by Prime Minister Narendra Modi on Monday.

The five Vande Bharat Express trains flagged off were from Nagpur to Secunderabad (577km), Agra Cantt to Banaras (573 km), Durg to Visakhapatnam (565km), Pune to Hubballi (557km) and Kolhapur to Pune (326km).

The Prime Minister also laid the foundation stones for the quadrupling of the Gandhidham - Adipur and Samakhiali - Gandhidham rail lines. The two projects will enhance port connectivity and give impetus to imports and exports through ports in Kutch. These will also help in speedy trans-



Students on board the newly inaugurated Bhuj-Ahmedabad Namo Bharat Rapid Rail at Bhuj railway station on Monday

portation of salt from the area.

The railway ministry, through a notification, named all the metro services to be launched "Namo Bharat Rapid Rail" services. Initially the service was to be called Vande Metro.

The service was flagged off from the Bhuj railway station at 4.15pm, virtually, by Prime Minister Narendra Modi, from Ahmedabad. The service will cover the 359km from Bhuj to Ahmedabad in 5.45 hours. It will stop at nine stations on the way. The regular service

will start on Sept 17 from Ahmedabad. The total journey cost will be around Rs 430, with the minimum fare expected to be Rs 30 for the first 25km and Rs 1.20 for every kilometre thereafter. It will also have monthly, fortnightly and weekly passes for regular commuters.

Officials said private travel by road on this route takes about 7.45 hours, against 5.45 hours by this train. The fare for a non-AC GSRTC bus is about Rs 260 to Rs 300, while that of a state transport AC Volvo bus is over Rs 700.

These trains will have 12 coaches which can carry 1,150 seated passengers and over 2,000 standing. Bhavesh Pathak, a passenger on the first trip of Namo Bharat Rapid Rail, said, "I feel I am travelling in a train somewhere abroad, not in India. This train will be most convenient for those commuters, especially traders, who want to return to Bhuj on the same day. They will get back to Bhuj by 11pm."