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## Metro completes Secretariat trial run in G'nagar

Required approvals to be submitted to Commissioner of Metro Rail Safety soon

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he Metro Rail in Gandhinagar successfully completed its trial run on the extended route from the Secretariat to Mahatma Mandir on Thursday on the occasion of Dussehra.

This trial run covered five new stations—Akshardham, Old Secretariat, Sector-16, Sector-24 and the last station, Mahatma Mandir. Previously, metro operations were limited to the Secretariat station. With this extension, the project moves a step closer to completing operations across Gandhinagar.

A proposal will now be submitted to the Commissioner of Metro Rail Safety (CMRS) to obtain the required approvals. After the clearance, the metro rail service up to Mahatma Mandir is expected to be opened for public around the Diwali festival.

Upon completion of the entire project, a total of 53 stations across a 68-kilometre route in Ahmedabad and Gandhinagar will be equipped with metro facilities.