

With the inauguration of Lucknow Metro, the social and economic picture of the state capital will transform rapidly : Governor

UP Metro Rail Corporation to be constituted for running of Metro Rail in major cities of the state : Chief Minister

Metro Rail will be available for common people from September 06, 2017

It was due to the efforts of the Prime Minister that the loan for the Lucknow Metro Rail project was arranged at easy installments by the European Investment Bank : Chief Minister

Dr. E Shreedharan and the entire LMRC team deserves praise for completing the project ahead of the deadline : Yogi Ji

With the running of the Metro Rail, doors of immense development opportunities for the state capital will open now : Union Home Minister

Primary section of the Metro Rail from Transport Nagar to Charbagh inaugurated

Lucknow: 05 September, 2017

Uttar Pradesh Governor Mr. Ram Naik today addressed the gathering at the inauguration ceremony of the primary section of the Lucknow Metro Rail and said that it will usher in a major transformation in the social and economic picture of the state capital.

Referring to the day as a golden one, the governor further said that the project executed by the Lucknow Metro Rail Corporation (LMRC) proves that even government projects can be completed ahead of deadlines. Giving credit of the project to both the state and the union government, Mr. Naik praised LMRC MD Mr. Kumar Keshav and director Dr. Daljeet Singh and said that the contribution of Dr. E Shreedharan in this project will be remembered for ever.

Chief Minister Yogi Adityanath ji praised Dr. E Shreedharan for early completion of the project and expressed hope that the remaining part of the project will also be completed before time. He pointed out that delays in such projects cost the nation dear and while additional burden comes on the state coffers even the people are deprived of benefits of such projects.

He also announced that the service will be available for public use from September 6, 2017. Referring to the contribution of prime minister Mr. Narendra Modi in facilitating a loan from the European Investment Bank in easy installments, the chief minister also mentioned how when the MoU for the loan was being signed Mr. Hardeep Singh Puri was present and it was a pleasant coincidence that when the Lucknow Metro was being inaugurated he is present here as the Minister of State (Independent Charge) for urban development and housing.

The chief minister also stated that the prime minister has spoken of Metro rail projects in 50 major cities of the country and for this; the state government will soon constitute a UP Metro Rail Corporation for developing similar projects in major cities of the state. He also requested Dr Shreedharan to give his expertise to this body as principal advisor.

Yogi ji also said that after running Metro in Ghazaiabad, Noida and now Lucknow, impetus will come to development. On one hand while the city will get rid of traffic snarl ups, on the other environment would also be protected because of it, he said. The chief minister also expressed hope that under the leadership of Mr. Kumar Keshav the remaining project will also be completed in record time.

On this occasion, the union home minister Mr. Rajnath Singh called the LMRC project one of the most modern metro rail projects and said that new vistas will open for the city now. He also informed how when the

Central Public Investment Board had cleared the LMRC project, he was the happiest being the Lok Sabha MP from the city.

He dedicated the project to former prime minister Mr. Atal Bihari Vajpayee and said that now no one can stop Lucknow from becoming a world class city. He also detailed many other infrastructure projects that will help develop and ease traffic woes in the city. Union MoS for Urban Development and Housing (Independent Charge) Mr. Hardeep Singh Puri said that in various cities 370 km Metro tracks were in operations while more than 500 km are under construction. He also assured that the Metro Rail projects would now be expedited.

Principal Advisor to the LMRC, Dr E Shreedharan praised the team for the early completion of the first phase of the project. Principal Secretary Housing and Urban Planning) Mr. Mukul Singhal and MD LMRC Mr. Kumar Keshav also expressed their views on the occasion. A coffee table book prepared by the LMRC was also released at the event. VIP dignitaries were given mementoes on the occasion and afterwards the chief minister and other dignitaries boarded the inaugural train.

Also present on the occasion were deputy chief ministers Mr. Keshav Prasad Maurya and Dr Dinesh Sharma, ministers of the state government, people's representatives and other prominent citizens.

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