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> NARENDRA MODI, Prime Minister

PM inaugurates Red Line extension, regional flight terminal in Ghaziabad

INFRA BOOST Hails Ghaziabad for better Swachh ranking, development works

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GHAZIABAD: Prime Minister Narendra Modi on Friday laid foundation stone and inaugurated several infrastructure projects worth ₹32,513 crore in the city. He said that Ghaziabad henceforth will be known with growth in three Cs – connectivity, cleanliness and capital.

PM Modi inaugurated the Delhi Metro's 9.6km Red Line extension from Dilshad Garden to Shaheed Sthal (New Bus Adda) on which the passenger operations will commence from Saturday. The PM also inaugurated the much-awaited regional flight terminal constructed at a cost of ₹60 crore at the Hindon airbase.

"The city has now got road, train and metro connectivity. It has taken strides and jumped from 351st position in 2017 to 13 in 2019 in the Swachh Survekshan, results of which were announced on Thursday. The capital investment in the city is also growing as more businesses and set-ups have come up. We are working on the same lines to develop other cities in the country," Modi said.

The new Red Line extension in Ghaziabad will take city passengers up to Rithala in Delhi. The addition of the new section will



Prime Minister Narendra Modi (centre) flanked by chief minister Yogi Adityanath (right) and Uttar Pradesh governor Ram Naik at a rally in Sikandarpur, Ghaziabad on Friday.

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increase the Red Line stretch to 34.72km. A total of 35 six-coach trains will be operated on the corridor at peak hour frequency of six minutes. The fare within eight stations of Ghaziabad is pegged at ₹10-30.

The new regional terminal inaugurated is located at Sikandarpur near the Hindon airbase. It is proposed to operate regional flights under regional connectivity (UDAN scheme) to cities like Nasik, Pithoragarh, Kannur, Hubli, Faizabad, Shimla, Jamnagar, and Kalaburgi (Gulbarga).

"It was our dream that a person wearing slippers will be able to take flights at cheap rates. We are aiming at development with two step strategy – strengthening the infrastructure and giving direct benefits to poor. We also aim to improve connectivity between Delhi and Meerut. For this, we have laid the foundation stone for country's first rapid train project which will reduce travel time to one hour," the PM said.

The Regional Rapid Transit System (RRTS), the rapid rail

project, will connect Delhi, Ghaziabad and Meerut by a 82km dedicated network and will also give interchange with the metro train system.

The project is pegged at ₹30,274 crore and the first stretch to be taken up under the project will be from Sahibabad to Duhai. The project has a scheduled deadline of 2024. The PM also laid the foundation stone and inaugurated other smaller projects related to city's traffic infrastructure, housing, water supplies, and sewer network, among others.



PM Modi inaugurates the 9.6km metro section at New Bus Adda station, in Ghaziabad on Friday.

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Delhi Metro forays into interiors of Ghaziabad

The 9.6km section of Red Line will begin passenger operations from 8am on March 9

34.6km

total length of Red Line (Rithala – Dilshad Garden – New Bus Adda)

1.27lakh

estimated ridership per day (for Dilshad Garden to Shaheed Sthal section)

₹10-30

fare within Ghaziabad

8 total number of stations

Barring River Hindon and Shaheed Nagar, six stations has station buildings on both sides interconnecting platforms through footover bridges

All the stations have four levels – ground, concourse, platform and roof. Only River Hindon station has five levels, including lower ground level for parking

At all stations (except Hindon River) FOB at concourse level comprises of paid and unpaid sections for the use of metro commuters and general public respectively

People who do not wish to use the metro can use the FOB to cross the road by accessing the unpaid part of the FOB

All the stations are disabled friendly

Parking will be made available for the general public at the Shaheed Nagar, River Hindon and New Bus Adda stations

Projects for laying of foundation stone

Regional Rapid Transit System for high speed train connectivity between Delhi, Ghaziabad and Meerut – ₹30,274 crore

Integrated Traffic Management System for Ghaziabad city – ₹60 crore

Ring road connecting Northern Peripheral Road – ₹59 crore

Sewer infrastructure works for 4,929 housing connection and 4716km sewer line under AMRUT scheme

Sewer infrastructure works for 2,700, another 6,600 houses and 32.2km sewer lines in Loni

Gaushala construction at Nandi Park