



Second Metro corridor to G Noida gets green signal

BOOST New Aqua line to run from Noida Sec-71 to Knowledge Park-5 via G Noida West; Yogi throws open Phase 1

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NOIDA: Public transport is set to get a major boost in Greater Noida with Uttar Pradesh chief minister Yogi Adityanath giving his approval to Phase 2 of the Aqua Line. The Phase 1 of Aqua Line—from Sector 51 in Noida to Depot station in Greater Noida—was inaugurated Friday.

The Phase 2 of Aqua Line will begin from Sector 71 in Noida and go up to Knowledge Park-5 via Greater Noida West, also known as Noida Extension.

The Sector 71 Metro station will be connected to the Sector 51 station of the Aqua Line. The Greater Noida authority had approved the proposal for the extension in its board meeting on January 3 and had sent it to the CM's office for approval.

Adityanath said, "Metro is the most efficient and eco-friendly public transport option for cities like Noida and Greater Noida. The new Noida Metro extension will benefit over two lakh commuters who travel from Greater Noida every day."

The new line is expected to be 10 kilometres long and may have nine stations and will be constructed in two phases.

SKYWALK TO LINK DELHI METRO

Another connectivity hurdle is expected to be cleared soon as the Delhi Metro Rail Corporation (DMRC) is discussing the construction of a skywalk to connect the Sector 51 station of the Noida Metro with the Sector 52 station of the Delhi Metro soon.

The lack of connectivity was proving to be a challenge for commuters travelling between Delhi and Noida as they had to get off

one station and walk 250 metres to board the elevated Delhi Metro station.

"The corner plot between the DMRC and NMRC stations is allotted to a private company. The agreement mentions that the private company will allow the construction of a skywalk through its property. We are working on getting it cleared soon," Mangu Singh, DMRC managing director, said.

Singh said the Blue Line extension from Sector 34 to Electronic City (NH-24) in Noida may be opened by the end of February. "We are hoping that the safety inspections will be over by February 15," Singh said.

The Blue Line connecting Delhi and Noida terminates at Noida City Centre Metro station presently. This is being extended further to join some busy residential and industrial areas of Noida. This entirely elevated section will comprise six stations in Noida—Sector 34, Sector 52, Sector 61, Sector 59, Sector 62 and Electronic City on NH-24.

SIX DEVELOPMENT PROJECTS INAUGURATED

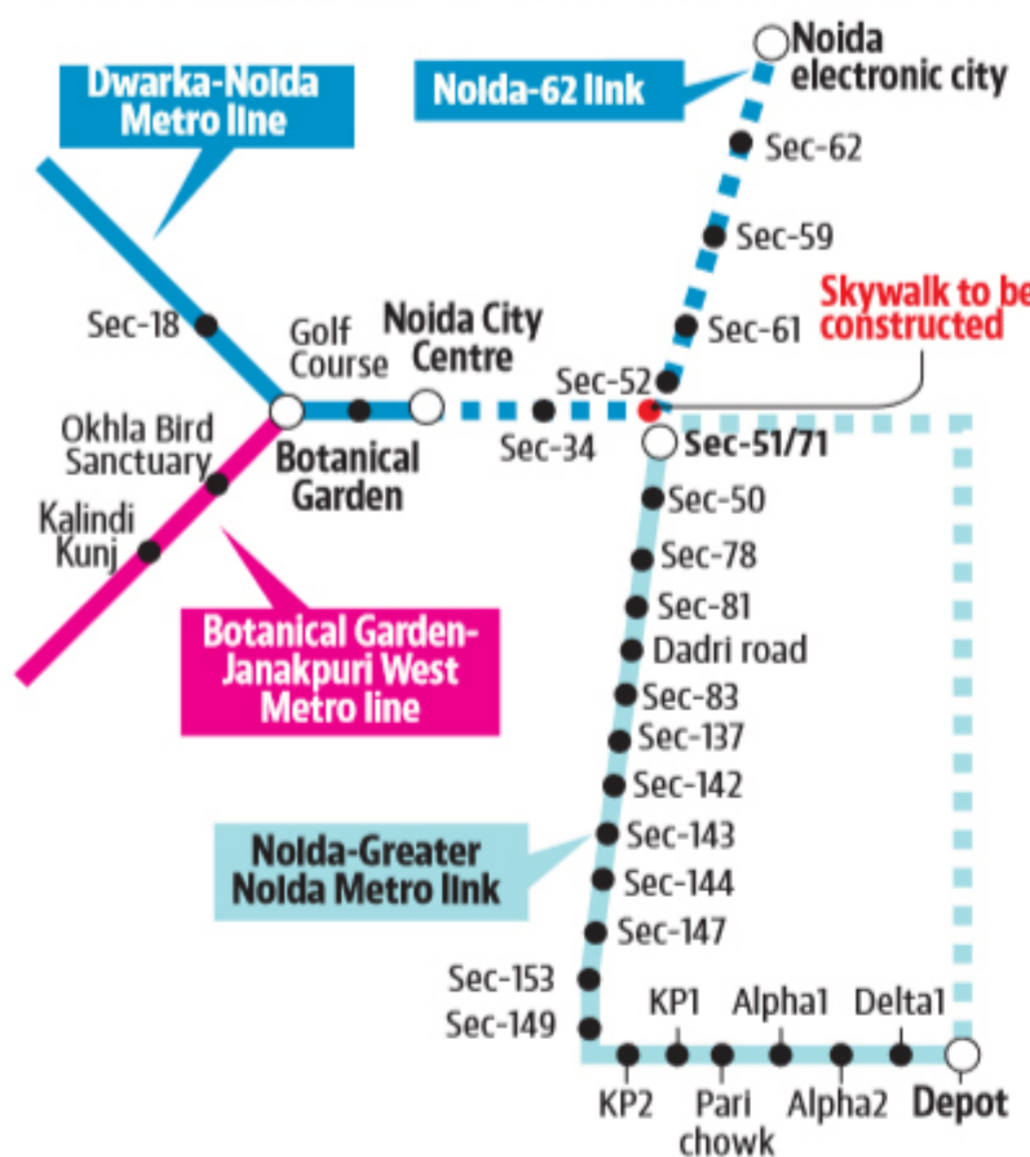
The chief minister inaugurated six development projects of Noida and laid the foundation of three other projects. He remotely launched a bridge built across the Yamuna, parallel to the Kalindi Kunj barrage, Shilp Haat in Sector 33, a new flyover over Shahdara drain, a command and control centre in Sector 94, an old age home and orphanage in Sector 62 and Traffic Park in Sector 108. Foundation stone were also laid for a 5.5km elevated road above Shahdara drain, 2.5km elevated road above Dadri Road and an underpass at Sector 51/52 and Sector 71/72 traffic intersection.



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Upgrading connectivity

— Inaugurated — Under construction — Proposed new metro line



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- There will be a skywalk connecting Sector 52 Metro station and Sector 51 Metro station to enable commuters to change lines easily
- The new line could be 10km long and have nine stations.