

Age just a number! Phase-I trains above 20 get facelift

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New Delhi: Delhi Metro has been refurbishing its Phase-I trains, which have completed over 20 years of their total 30-year lifespan. Last year, 12 trains were refurbished, while work is currently under way for 18 trains on Red Line with the installation of CCTV cameras, mobile charging points and LCD-based dynamic metro routes.

The refurbishment was on in a gradual manner and was targeted for completion by March 2025, a Delhi Metro Rail Corporation official said.

Following this, 22 trains on Blue Line are planned for refurbishment. A contract is likely to be awarded by the end of this month for these 22 trains, and the target for completing this task is two-and-a-half years.



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With the refurbishment process includes upgrades like the installation of a CCTV system, refurbishment of the floor with composite material, repainting of the saloon and cab interior, installation of mobile charging facilities, installation of an LCD-based Dynamic Route Map and refurbishment of electrical panels. "Works concerning electrical panels would help improve electrical reliability on the train," said an official.

As part of this mid-life refurbishment, the trains are modified with new features to bring them on par with the rest of the trains, which were subsequently introduced into service in DMRC's Phase-II and III expansions, added the official.

The construction of Delhi Metro Phase-I, with 65.1 km of routes, began in 1998. The first section opened in 2002, and the last section opened in 2006. This phase involved the construction of three new lines on broad gauge tracks. It included the 22-km-long Red Line from Shaheed to Rithala with 16 stations, the 10.7-km-long Yellow Line from Vishwavidyalaya to Central Secretariat with 10 stations, and the 32.3-km-long Blue Line from Dwarka Sector-9 to Indraprastha with 20 stations.

However, the construction work on Delhi Metro's Phase-II project, with a total length of 124.9 km, began in 2006. The first section of Phase-II opened in 2008, and the last section opened in 2011. Similarly, Delhi Metro's 162.495-km-long Phase-III project's construction started in 2011, with the first section (Violet Line) coming up in 2014 and the last section (Grey Line) in October 2019.

DMRC has currently taken up the construction of three priority corridors under Phase-IV: Janakpuri West-RK Ashram (Magenta Line), Mallis Park-Maujpur (Pink Line), and Aerocity-Tughlaqabad (Silver Line). These three corridors, with a total length of 65.202 kilometers, have 45 stations. Of these, 27 are elevated, and 18 are underground.

At gunpoint, couple robbed of cash, gold chain on DME

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Ghaziabad: A gang of four men robbed a couple of Rs 80,000, a gold chain, and other valuables on the Delhi Metro Expressway on Friday afternoon. The couple had also attached a gold chain of Kumar's neck before fleeing.

"Immediately, I called the police and lodged a complaint with the Masuri police station," Kumar added.

An FIR has been registered under Section 309A (punishment for robbery of BNS at the Masuri police station).

"During the probe, we faced difficulties as all the CCTV cameras on the DME were not working. However, we have now identified the suspects, and teams have been formed to apprehend them," said a police officer.

The couple was on their way to Haridwar but had turned around when the incident occurred.

Complainant Sunny Kumar told police that he and his fiancée Aashika Khan had decided to return to Delhi due to bad weather. They stopped near Kushiya village on the DME for a bathroom break.

While he went outside, Khan had waited in the car. Four men approached them on foot and one of them pulled a pistol on Kumar, he said. They first searched Kumar's pockets and then turned towards the car. Khan locked the doors to keep them away but they threatened to shoot Kumar if she didn't open them.

Once she complied, they forced Khan out of the car and took Rs 80,000 along with her purse. One of them also attached a gold chain of Kumar's neck before fleeing.

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After 'Goof-Up', DDA Works On Erecting Shelter Again

Many Homeless Forced To Spend Nights In The Open

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New Delhi: Delhi Development Authority (DDA) is rebuilding a men's shelter that was "mistakenly" demolished, with the reconstruction work expected to take approximately a week.

Activist Sunil Kumar Aledia, who is director of Centre for Holistic Development, involved in ensuring housing rights of economically weaker sections - had written to Chief Justice of India D.Y. Chandrachud, stating that the demolition violated Supreme Court orders. Following this, DDA took up the work to rebuild the shelter.

DDA officials said that the quality of the demolition was not up to the mark and the authorities are taking up the reconstruction work, they are doing a hasty and shoddy job," he alleged.

The demolition of the DDA's shelter in Nanhi Khadda, near Mayapuri, has left many poor individuals, mostly daily wage labourers, displaced and stranded on the streets.

The caretaker of the shelter, who wanted to remain anonymous, told TOI that despite showing court orders that stated that night shelters couldn't be razed, the shelter was demolished.

DDA officials proceeded with the demolition.

Rajender, a 52-year-old native of UP who had been living at the shelter for the last three years, claimed that he pleaded with the officials to give them at least 15 minutes to gather their belongings, but his request was denied. He is now taking shelter on the roadside near the demolished shelter, hoping that it does not rain anytime soon. Another inmate, Vishal, 28, is unable to go to work as he cannot leave his belongings in the open. The inmates are demanding rehabilitation until the shelter is reconstructed.

In the letter (to C.J.), we specified that the action violates the Supreme Court's ruling which mandates that no temporary shelters can be demolished without approaching or prior permission of the apex court," Aledia said.

Gzb records ₹400cr beer sales this summer

Anjali Singh

Ghaziabad: The hot weather coupled with a series of long weekends and the IPL season saw beer consumption skyrocket in the city.

While beer sales typically peak every summer, it touched a record high between April and June. Beer worth Rs 387.1 crore was sold in Ghaziabad in the last three months, data shared by the excise department showed. This was nearly a 6% increase from the corresponding period last year when the excise department mopped up Rs 373.8 crore revenue.

While NCR cities received light showers on Friday, temperatures in the region had soared to 40 degrees Celsius in May and June.

Avik Rai, a resident of Sahibabad, said along with the traditional lemonade, lassi and buttermilk, beer is a preferred summer drink.

"The light flavoured along with bubbling carbonation and cold temperatures make beer the perfect way to cool down on a scorching hot summer day," he said.

Ghaziabad excise inspector Sanjay Singh attributed the record sales to the excruciating heat and no changes in the prices.

"Between April and June, 1.33 crore litres of beer was consumed in Ghaziabad. This is nearly a 16% rise from 1.15 crore litres sold in the same period last year. With the onset of monsoon, beer sales are likely to slump, but the demand is likely to continue till Sept."

During the three months, 53.4 lakh litres of country-made liquor was sold this year against 48.5 lakh litres sold last year.

Upkeep not a walk in the park, govt to revisit plan

TIMES NEWS NETWORK

New Delhi: After several residents welfare associations (RWAs) and non-government organisations (NGOs) expressed concern that the funds provided to them to maintain the city's green lungs were not sufficient, Delhi govt may soon look into the issue.

Officials said govt would soon assess the impact of its financial aid for the maintenance of parks through Delhi Parks and Gardens Society (DPGS) and how the system could be improved for a better result. Officials said if required, a decision to enhance the funding could also be taken, depending on the feedback from RWAs and NGOs.

Officials said some of the RWAs and societies had also complained of their funding pending for several months.

"Several issues have come to our knowledge and we may soon find a solution to ensure that the city's parks do not suffer," said an official.

While the actual number of parks in the capital under Delhi Development Authority, New Delhi Municipal Corporation and Municipal Corporation of Delhi (MCD) is more than 16,000, 1,500-1,600 of them - spread across nearly 550 acres - are being maintained by 370-odd RWAs, NGOs and societies. These small groups are funded by govt, depending on the size of the parks.

MCD, too, provides financial help to some RWAs and NGOs for maintaining parks. The RWA or the NGO maintaining a park can avail the financial aid from either MCD or Delhi Parks and Gardens Society, which comes under environment department. According to the data accessed by TOI, DPGS has so far spent Rs 58.4 crore on giving financial aid to RWAs, NGOs and societies registered with them since the scheme was started in the 2008-09 financial year.

In 2023-24, DPGS had provided over Rs 4 crore as financial assistance for the maintenance of 1,589 parks with a total area of nearly 460 acres. As per the data, 325 RWAs had benefited from them. The number, however, was far less than Rs 9 crore that Delhi govt gave to 421 RWAs and societies for the maintenance of 1,877 parks with a cumulative area of 540 acres in 2022-23. DPGS gives Rs 2.6 lakh per acre annually as grant-in-aid for each park being maintained by private players.

The money provided by govt is used by the RWAs, societies and NGOs to pay gardeners and helpers, and buy seeds, tools and manure, among other things. Govt gives additional financial assistance to set up a small sewage treatment plant within the park to treat water and use it for watering the plants, officials said. Another grant of Rs 1 lakh is given if a new barren park is taken up and developed.

SAVING CITY'S GREEN LUNGS

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Year	Number Of RWAs/NGOs	Parks	Approx area (in acres)	Funds released (in lakh)
2008-09	1	3	1	0.3
2009-10	33	229	85.5	14.5
2010-11	128	562	226	101.8
2011-12	219	1,136	403.5	134.2
2012-13	362	1,877	689.2	205.4
2013-14	211	1,063	365.3	133.5
2014-15	332	1,527	440.3	204.3
2015-16	304	1,426	411	209.2
2016-17	289	1,294	431.9	192
2017-18	261	1,164	370.1	156.1
2018-19	353	1,555	471.9	238
2019-20	435	1,979	578.4	266
2020-21	414	1,722	555.3	281
2021-22	368	1,566	518	241
2022-23	421	1,877	540.3	209
2023-24	325	1,589	458.9	209.8

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जमीयत उलमा-ए-हिंद की प्रबंधन समिति की सभा में अपील



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