

RAILWAYS

Patna metro rail stations to be all green buildings

All the proposed metro rail stations being built under Corridor I (Danapur to Khemnichak) and Corridor II (Patna Junction to Patliputra Bus Terminal) will be green buildings with provisions to conserve energy and rainwater and enable a sustainable environment.

Delhi Metro Rail Corporation (DMRC), the nodal agency for the Patna metro rail project, is taking measures to curb air pollution during the construction works across the city and design the stations as eco-friendly structures by following green norms in order to utilise natural resources and local products more effectively.

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Nine Metro 3 trains to be launched by June 2023

The executing authority for the underground Metro 3 corridor (Colaba-Bandra-Seepz) has set a June 2023 deadline for bringing all nine rakes required to begin Phase I services (Aarey-BKC). The first prototype train is currently undergoing "initial design-proving" testing by Mumbai Metro Rail Corporation (MMRCL). Ashwini Bhide, Managing Director of MMRCL, stated that a second rake will arrive by the end of November. The first nine trains would arrive by June 2023.

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Pune-Nashik high-speed railway project gains traction

The Pune-Nashik high-speed railway project has gained momentum, and land acquisition and various other activities are being carried out concurrently for the same, with the Maharashtra government putting forth the proposal as a top priority and one for regular supervision. Importantly, the project is intended to aid in the transportation of agricultural (and industrial) produce. Land acquisition has already been completed in four of the twelve villages in Haveli taluka. A task force has been established to monitor the progress of the Pune-Nashik high-speed railway project and the Pune ring road project.

Cabinet approves policy on long-term leasing of Railways land



The revised railways' land policy will enable integrated development of infrastructure and more cargo terminals. It provides for long-term leasing of railway land for cargo-related activities for a period of up to 35 years at 1.5 per cent of the market value of land per annum. The existing entities using railway land for cargo terminals can switch to the new policy regime after a transparent and competitive bidding process.

Jaisalmer station to get ₹1.48 bn makeover



The Jaisalmer railway station will undergo a makeover of ₹1.48 bn, which will give it a heritage look with airport-like facilities in two years. Along with making Jaisalmer railway station three-storey, a heritage look would also be given. Food courts, well-equipped waiting rooms, lifts, escalators, AC and non-AC restrooms and modern machines for cleaning will be made available. The contract for the work has been awarded to Bikaner-based JV SKT SGCL. The redevelopment of the station is important from a strategic and tourism point of view.