



ON ORDER FROM PUNJAB AND HARYANA HIGH COURT

DMRC takes over Gurgaon Rapid Metro

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THE DELHI Metro Rail Corporation (DMRC) took over operations and maintenance of the 11.6-km-long Rapid Metro in Gurgaon Tuesday night, a month after the High Court of Punjab and Haryana directed the Rapid Metro Rail Gurgaon Limited (RMGL) and Rapid Metro Rail Gurgaon South Limited (RMGSL) to do the same.

According to a DMRC spokesperson, "adequate staff" has been deployed to maintain station and train operations, signalling and telecom, safety and security, as well as electrical and traction aspects of the project.

"The DMRC is committed towards providing the best possible services to commuters of the Rapid Metro line. The DMRC



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management has already deployed adequate staff, so that passenger service may be maintained in a smooth manner," said the spokesperson.

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Officials said the service will follow the earlier schedule —

trains will begin operations at 6 am from Sector 55-56 station, and the last train will depart from the same station at 10 pm. While trains will run at an interval of 4.30 minutes during morning peak hours, the frequency will be 5.15 minutes during evening peak hours.

The service had commenced operations in 2013, with Phase I

EXPLAINED Behind move, tussle between firms and Haryana authorities

THE MATTER of operation of the Rapid Metro reached the court on September 6, with the Haryana Shahari Vikas Pradhikaran and the companies handling the Metro issuing termination notices to each other, alleging "material breaches" in the contract. The court had then directed the firms to continue operations until midnight of September 9 and resolve the dispute by negotiation. On September 20, the court initiated the process of handing the line to DMRC. This deadline was extended to October 23 last week.

covering the stretch between Cyber City and Sikanderpur Metro station. Phase 2 was launched four years later, in 2017, and runs between Sikanderpur Metro station and Sector 55-56. With the two phases, the

Rapid Metro provides connectivity between Cyber City, which houses several offices as well as restaurants and shops, and Golf Course Road, where several gated condominiums, malls and MNCs are located.

In a first for RML Hospital, a woman is medical superintendent

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NEW DELHI, OCTOBER 22

DR MINAKSHI Bharadwaj, who joined RML Hospital as a specialist in pathology in 1991, has become the first woman to take over the post of medical superintendent in the hospital's history. Established in 1932, the hospital has had 24 heads so far — all of them men.

Before starting her new stint as the hospital's 25th medical superintendent, she was working as the head of the department of pathology, and as the hospital's additional medical superintendent before that.

"I have worked here for 28 years. I feel privileged to be the first woman to take charge. This also sends a positive message that the government believes in gender equality. Women employees will feel free to approach me easily," she told *The Indian Express*.



Dr Minakshi Bharadwaj is the hospital's 25th medical superintendent. *Express*

Dr Ram Manohar Lohia Hospital, formerly known as Willingdon Hospital, was established by the British for their staff and had only 54 beds. After Independence, its control was shifted to the New Delhi Municipal Committee. In 1954, control was transferred to the central government. The hospital now has 1,420 beds.

Dr Bharadwaj said ongoing

projects in the hospital will be top priority. The hospital is set to start work on a new super-specialty block on campus, which will add 500 beds.

"Several important projects are in the pipeline. Before starting anything new, I want to ensure those are completed on time. The tender for the upcoming super-specialty project was floated Monday. We are also working on starting construction of an MBBS college, and it may take two-three years," she said.

Situated in Central Delhi, the hospital caters to 8,000-9,000 patients in the OPD on a daily basis. The Union Health Ministry has decided to construct a 300-bed super-specialty wing of the hospital at Moti Bagh.

"If the Moti Bagh campus is given to us, it will offer special services in oncology, as we lack oncology services...but clearances are yet to be received," she said.

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