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17 Stations Now Open To Citizens Out Of Fully Elevated Corridor of 23 Stations.
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THE GRAND LAUNCH OF THE PINK LINE

A LANDMARK JOURNEY TO HISTORIC MILESTONE!

A vision for a faster, well-connected **Pune Metropolitan Region moves from Ambition to Reality.**

Hon'ble Prime Minister Inaugurates Pune Metro Line 3 With A Historic Flag-off.

3rd November 2026 marked a historic milestone for Pune with the inauguration of the 23.203 km Maan–Hinjawadi to Shivajinagar Metro Line-3, popularly known as 'Puneri Metro', in the presence of Hon'ble Prime Minister Shri Narendra Modi.

Developed under the PPP model on a DBFOT basis, in collaboration with Tata Projects and Siemens, this project represents a significant achievement in urban infrastructure. With 23 elevated stations, passenger services have commenced across 17 stations. The corridor also introduces India's First Metro Line, featuring 100% women train operators and 50% women employees.

Puneri Metro – Connecting people, empowering women and accelerating Pune's journey towards a modern metropolis!

Pune's Growth, India's Progress: Metro-led Growth for Viksit Bharat



Key Highlights of the Welcome Speech by Shri Narendra Modi, Hon'ble Prime Minister

"The inauguration of Pune Metro Line-3 will give a new impetus to the city's development. I extend my heartfelt Diwali wishes to the people of Pune.

Pune has always been a centre of ideas and innovation. From IT, automobiles and pharmaceuticals to startups and manufacturing, the city represents the aspirations of India's youth.

A better-connected Pune is a faster-growing Pune! Metro connectivity will save commuting time, improve ease of living and strengthen the city's economic productivity.

Over the past 12 years, India's metro network has expanded to nearly 1,200 km across 26 cities, serving over one crore passengers daily.

Pune Metro Line-3 reflects the strength of the Public-Private Partnership model, bringing together government and private-sector expertise.

Our vision is to transform cities into major economic growth engines and develop hundreds of smaller cities as growth hubs.

India is not only among the fastest-growing economies but is also making significant progress in poverty reduction.

Collective efforts, or Sabka Prayas, will remain the driving force behind our journey towards Viksit Bharat."



Pune is emerging as a National Model for Integrated Urban Mobility.



Key Highlights of the Welcome Speech by Shri Devendra Fadnavis, Hon'ble Chief Minister, Maharashtra.

"Pune is among India's fastest-growing metropolitan regions, requiring integrated infrastructure planning for Pune, Pimpri-Chinchwad and the wider Pune Metropolitan Region.

Metro rail is central to this vision, with the Maan-Hinjawadi–Shivajinagar corridor connecting the IT hub to the city centre and proposed extensions strengthening connectivity across all directions.

Alongside Metro expansion, the Government is prioritising electric buses, Inner and Outer Ring Roads, underground corridors and supporting infrastructure. Their integrated development will reduce travel time, ease traffic congestion and accelerate economic growth. Building on Pune's strengths in information technology, industry, education and research, the vision is to transform the Pune Metropolitan Region into one of India's leading mobility hubs by 2030 through a modern, integrated transportation network."



Pune Metropolitan Region Development Authority (PMRDA)

Hon'ble Prime Minister Inaugurates Pune Metro Line 3 With A Historic Flag-off.

A Landmark in Inclusive and Sustainable Urban Development



Key Highlights of the Welcome Speech by Smt Sunetra Pawar, Hon'ble Deputy Chief Minister, Maharashtra.

"As Pune and its metropolitan region continue to grow, providing citizens with safe, reliable and quality public transport is a key responsibility of the Government. Extended Metro corridors will improve connectivity across the city, benefiting students, working professionals, women, senior citizens and daily commuters. The Hinjawadi–Shivajinagar Metro corridor will particularly benefit thousands of IT employees. Alongside major projects, strengthening approach roads, feeder services, bus connectivity and last-mile facilities is equally important to ensure benefits reach every citizen. Through coordinated efforts of the Central and State Governments, these initiatives will make Pune more accessible, environmentally sustainable and responsive to citizens' everyday needs."

Pune's Mobility Revolution: Building a Future-Ready Metropolitan Region.



Key Highlights of the Welcome Speech by Shri Murlidhar Mohol, Hon'ble Union Minister of State for Civil Aviation & Cooperation.

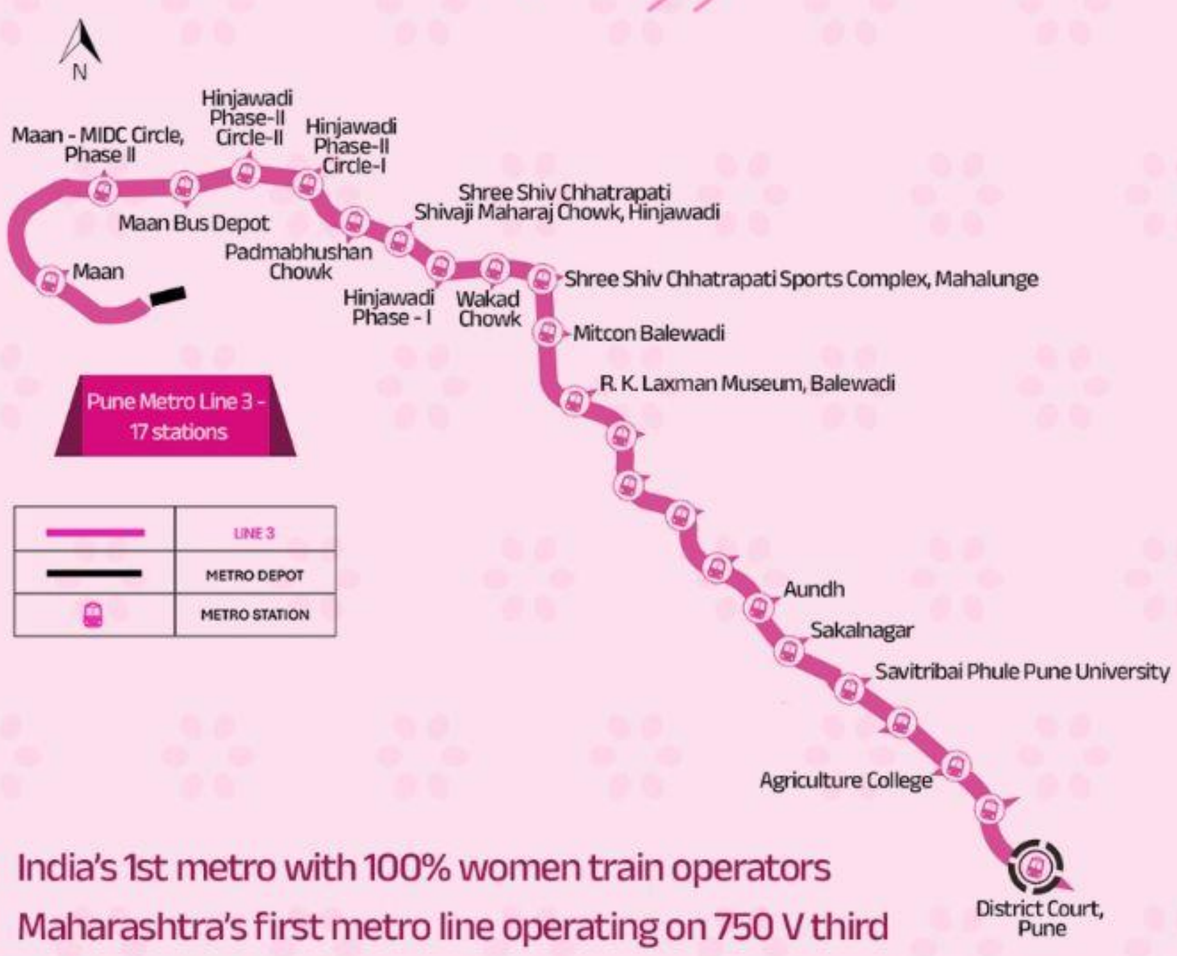
"Pune's rapid growth calls for a modern, integrated public transport system. The Maan-Hinjawadi–Shivajinagar Metro corridor will improve IT hub connectivity, benefiting thousands of commuters. Pune Metro Phase 2, covering Vanaz–Chandani Chowk, Ramwadi–Wagholi, Khadakwasla–Kharadi and Warje–Manikbaug, will connect expanding suburbs. With Central Government support, the Government is also strengthening PMPML bus services, developing the Ring Road and upgrading infrastructure. An integrated Metro, bus and road network will ensure faster, safer and greener mobility, further strengthening Pune's industrial, educational and IT sectors."

A Historic Leap Towards a Traffic-Free, Future-Ready City



Key Highlights of the Welcome Speech by Shri Eknath Shinde, Hon'ble Deputy Chief Minister, Maharashtra.

"Pune Metro Line 3's inauguration has enhanced the festive spirit of citizens. Pune Metro Line 3 will transform public transportation, ease traffic congestion and shape the city's future.
This is India's first metro project implemented entirely under the PPP model, with 100% women loco pilots and significant women participation in operations.
I acknowledge the invaluable contribution of Ajit Dada Pawar and all public representatives and officials who worked tirelessly to complete this project.
Our government is on the accelerator, not the brakes, when it comes to development.
With infrastructure-led growth, we are committed to making Pune a more connected, efficient and traffic-free metropolis."



- India's 1st metro with 100% women train operators
- Maharashtra's first metro line operating on 750 V third rail traction system
- Green mobility with 7.6 MW solar and ~30 power generation and reduction in traffic congestion and pollution.
- India's first metro project under PPP (Public Private Partnership) model (as per Metro Rail policy 2017)
- Total Project worth 8313 crores. 23 km long corridor with 23 elevated stations

A Grand Beginning For The Pink Line

Miles to Smile: Pune's Metro Milestone!



Key Highlights of the Welcome Speech by Dr. Abhijeet Chaudhari, IAS, Metropolitan Commissioner, PMRDA



The Inauguration of the Pune Metro Line-3 (Maan-Hinjawadi to Shivajinagar), also known as the 'Puneri Metro' or the Pink Line, marks a significant milestone in Pune's development.

Pune is one of the country's leading IT and innovation hubs. However, heavy traffic congestion on routes connecting Baner, Balewadi, Wakad, Ganeshkhind and University Circle to Hinjawadi has long been a major challenge for daily commuters.

A sustainable, safe and efficient public transport system was therefore essential. With the inauguration of the Puneri Metro, this long-standing need of Pune's citizens is being addressed.

The 23.20-km-long Maan-Hinjawadi to Shivajinagar corridor has 23 stations. Passenger services have commenced at 17 stations in the first phase, while the remaining six stations are targeted for completion by January 2027. The journey between Maan-Hinjawadi and Shivajinagar will take approximately 40 to 45 minutes.

With a project cost of ₹8,313 crore, Line-3 is one of the country's most ambitious metro projects developed under the Public-Private Partnership (PPP) model. The project has been implemented through Pune IT City Metro Rail Limited, established with the joint participation of TRIL Urban Transport, associated with the Tata Group, and Siemens.

One of the project's proudest and most remarkable features is women's participation. It is India's first metro line to be operated entirely by women, with around 90 trained women train operators.

The Civil Court station on Metro Line-3 is connected to Maha Metro's Lines 1 and 2. Foot overbridges will enable passengers to transfer conveniently and safely between the lines.

The project also has a strong environmental focus. Solar power generation of 7.60 MW is planned, meeting approximately 30% of the project's total electricity requirement.

The corridor is initially expected to serve around 200,000 passengers daily, with ridership projected to increase to 250,000–300,000 passengers per day in the future.

The project was completed while overcoming several challenges, including dense population, heavy traffic and a network of old underground water pipelines and cables. I sincerely thank the citizens for their patience and cooperation throughout the construction period, despite the inconvenience caused.

In keeping with the vision of 'One Journey, One App, One Payment', the Integrated Digital Ticketing System and the foot overbridge at Civil Court Metro Station are also being dedicated to passengers.

This achievement has been made possible by the tireless efforts of the officers, engineers, technical staff and thousands of workers of Maha Metro and PMRDA, who worked day and night. I sincerely congratulate every member of the teams involved.

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I also express my gratitude to the Central and State Governments, public representatives, all concerned agencies and the citizens of Pune for their support and cooperation.

I extend my best wishes to everyone as Pune city and the Pune Metropolitan Region embark on a new era of modern, dynamic and environmentally sustainable development.

Pune Metro Line - 3 Photo Gallery
Key Glimpses from the Grand Inauguration of the Pink Line























Driving Growth: On PMRDA's Infrastructure Push to De-clog Chakan!

Chakan's Road Network: Building the Infrastructure for an Industrial Future



ROAD UPGRADES
Shivkumar Kupal,
Executive Engineer, PMRDA

Chakan's rapid emergence as one of the primary industrial powerhouses of the Pune Metropolitan Region (PMR) has inevitably brought a critical infrastructure challenge into sharp relief. The dense concentration of manufacturing clusters, expanding industrial estates, and an escalating volume of heavy freight traffic have placed the existing road infrastructure under severe strain. Gridlock in this vital corridor is no longer a mere commuter inconvenience; it has evolved into a key economic bottleneck with direct ramifications for logistics efficiency, industrial productivity, and regional growth momentum.

Recognising the urgency of unblocking these economic arteries, the Pune Metropolitan Region Development Authority (PMRDA) has launched the Chakan 'De-clog Work' initiative—a targeted road infrastructure improvement programme encompassing seven critical stretches spanning approximately 17 kilometres. Backed by an administrative sanction of ₹100.14 crore, this targeted intervention aims to systematically eliminate persistent bottlenecks and fortify heavy-duty connectivity across the industrial belt.

A major strength of this initiative lies in its network-oriented strategy, moving away from fragmented, piecemeal repairs. Priority projects include the widening of the Chikhali–Moi road and targeted upgrades along the Khalumbre–MIDC Phase-II corridor. Simultaneously, strategic improvements are being executed along the high-density Pune–Nashik Road–Alandi Phata (Chakan)–Alandi corridor, a vital link for inter-regional mobility.

Complementing these are the development of the 2-km Charholi Khurd–Alandi (Markal Road DP Road) stretch with an emphasis on engineering precision, and the overhaul of the 2.5-km Kuruli Phata–Nighoje stretch into a robust, 7-metre-wide cement concrete road. The latter is being driven on a fast-track 15-day completion schedule managed via tight project bar-chart monitoring. Taken together, these coordinated interventions are designed to distribute traffic loads seamlessly across multiple access vectors, rather than merely shifting congestion downstream.

Given Chakan's unique operational profile—dominated by high-tonnage commercial fleets—engineering parameters have been elevated beyond basic widening and resurfacing. The mandate incorporates vital structural and safety auxiliary measures, including the systematic utility shifting of electrical infrastructure, the installation of crash barriers along open storm-water drains, and micro-level traffic management at acute friction points. High-priority focus has been directed toward the chronic Mercedes Chowk bottleneck within the MIDC zone, where strategic traffic rerouting and junction redesign remain central to restoring smooth freight throughput.

To ensure long-term asset durability, all seven works are currently being executed under rigorous multi-departmental supervision and strict quality audits. A noteworthy policy feature of this campaign is the incorporation of a compulsory 10-year Defect Liability and Maintenance Period (DLP) for contractors. By binding execution partners to decade-long performance metrics, PMRDA is shifting the paradigm from transactional construction to long-term public asset stewardship.

For an industrial engine like Chakan, reliable road network performance is directly linked to regional economic competitiveness. Decongested freight corridors, reduced transit latency, and safer arterial movement are fundamental to preserving the health of the industrial ecosystem. PMRDA's De-clog initiative thus marks a vital alignment between urban planning and economic ambition—ensuring that physical infrastructure scales effectively to sustain Chakan's strategic significance.

PMRDA Events & Achievements !

Strengthening Pune's industrial ecosystem! PMRDA Metropolitan Commissioner Dr. Abhijeet Chaudhari announced a dedicated Facilitation Centre to streamline approvals, resolve industry concerns and enhance infrastructure across the region's industrial hubs.



MLA Dnyaneshwar Katke (Shirur-Haveli) visited PMRDA HQ for a cleaner, greener future for East Haveli! PMRDA's 150 TPD waste management project at Theur, bringing sustainable waste solutions and lasting relief to 14 villages.



Empowering women begins with caring for their well-being! Under Sewa Sankalp Abhiyan 2026, PMRDA hosted an insightful session promoting women's health, hygiene, self-care and holistic wellness.



WATCH NOW

Putting farmers' interests first! PMRDA Commissioner Dr Abhijeet Chaudhari addresses concerns over the 65-metre Inner Ring Road, assuring transparent land acquisition, fair compensation and development with farmers' consent.



A new chapter in Pune's mobility! PMRDA Commissioner Dr Abhijeet Chaudhari, Additional Metropolitan Commissioner K. Manjulekshmi along with senior officials addressed the media, sharing key highlights of Pune Metro Line 3's launch, connectivity, commuter benefits and sustainable vision.



WATCH NOW

Where ambition meets opportunity! PIECC Moshi emerged as a vibrant global platform at the Global Maratha Business Expo 2026, celebrating entrepreneurship, fostering connections and empowering businesses to reach greater heights.



WATCH NOW

Courage, compassion and commitment in action! PMRDA's Wagholi Fire Brigade and PDRF team safely rescued a young man from a mobile tower through timely intervention, skilled teamwork and compassionate counselling.



WATCH NOW

Building a culture of safety from childhood! Young learners from Kids Buzz Preschool and Kidzee School visited PMRDA's Marunji Fire Station, discovering fire safety, emergency preparedness and the courage of our firefighters.



WATCH NOW

Foundation of Equity: On PMRDA's Push for Affordable Housing under PMAY-U 2.0



HOUSING FOR ALL

K. Manjuleksmi (IAS),
Additional Metropolitan Commissioner, PMRDA & Editor

Adequate and affordable shelter remains a foundational metric of inclusive urban development. As the Pune Metropolitan Region (PMR) surges ahead on the back of industrial expansion, economic dynamism, and rapid urbanization, safeguarding dignified housing access for the economically weaker sections (EWS) has shifted from a policy preference to an urgent socio-economic imperative. Acknowledging this exigency, the Pune Metropolitan Region Development Authority (PMRDA) has mounted a concerted push to operationalize the Affordable Housing in Partnership (AHP) vertical under the Pradhan Mantri Awas Yojana – Urban 2.0 (PMAY-U 2.0), aiming to democratize the dividends of secure homeownership across its vast jurisdiction.

Anchored in the overarching vision of 'Housing for All', PMAY-U 2.0 is engineered to cater to the housing deficits of eligible urban poor and middle-income demographics. Through its AHP component, residential projects are catalysed via strategic partnerships between public agencies and authorized implementing entities, creating a robust framework for delivering cost-effective dwelling units tailored to EWS needs.

Eligibility is strictly tethered to structural destitution:
EWS families devoid of a pucca dwelling anywhere in the nation qualify for assistance, subject to standard administrative verifications. Selected beneficiaries are entitled to a fiscal cushion of ₹2.5 lakh structured as ₹1.50 lakh from the Union government and ₹1 lakh from the Government of Maharashtra. Furthermore, the framework mandates that AHP projects dedicate a minimum of 25 percent of their total capacity to EWS housing, with a floor of at least 100 EWS dwelling units per project to ensure economies of scale and meaningful social integration.

Moving away from hyper-concentrated urban clusters, PMRDA has engineered a decentralized, region-wide strategy to ensure equitable access. The Authority has resolved to champion at least one housing project across every Assembly constituency spanning the nine talukas within its administrative umbrella. By leveraging state-owned land parcels, PMRDA aims to drastically compress land acquisition timelines and capital outlays, directly translating into enhanced affordability for the end-consumer.

Equally critical is the meticulous site-selection matrix, which prioritizes seamless integration with core civic infrastructure. Proximity to arterial transport networks, potable water grids, sanitation systems, and steady power supply forms a non-negotiable parameter. Priority is intentionally accorded to micro-markets exhibiting robust growth potential and verified EWS housing demand.

Translating policy intent into execution, viable land parcels have already been shortlisted across PMRDAs jurisdiction and comprehensive Detailed Project Reports (DPRs) currently under advanced preparation.

Ultimately, this intervention marks a decisive stride toward a more inclusive paradigm of regional development one where affordable housing is not treated as an afterthought, but as the bedrock of sustainable urbanization. By synergizing public land assets, inter-institutional coordination, and targeted fiscal subsidies, PMRDA is anchoring a future where the prodigious economic dividends of Pune's expansion are equitably shared by its most vulnerable citizens.

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