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## Monday spike: NMRC sees highest revenue, ridership

Aqua Line Has Been Recording Avg Daily Footfall Of 13,317

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Noida: The Noida Metro Rail Corporation (NMRC) saw its highest ridership and revenue collection this Monday with a footfall of 19,413 and a total earning of Rs 5,80,285.

Since it became operational in January, Aqua Line has not seen the expected ridership along the corridor and has been recording an average daily footfall of 13,317. The expected figure is around 17,000 passengers daily. The NMRC has recorded a total revenue of Rs 47,747,708 so far and the total ridership is at 1,638,052.

Among the stations along the corridor, Sector 51 has seen the highest number of riders and recorded the highest revenue. It is followed by Pari Chowk.

Sector 51 station has seen the maximum sale of QR tickets, cards and top-ups.

Knowledge Park, Noida Special Economic Zone

## **RECORD COLLECTION FOR AQUA LINE**



Highest ridership 19,413\* Highest revenue

₹**5,80,285** (\*Figures for May 27)

Total NMRC revenue ₹4.7 crore\*

Total ridership 16,38,052

(\*Figures for Jan 26-May 28)

Stations with highest ridership: Sector 51, Pari Chowk, NSEZ, Sector 142, Sector 76 Stations with highest revenue: Sector 51, Pari Chowk,

Knowledge Park, Sector 142, NSEZ

(NSEZ), Sector 142 and Sector 76 are among the other stations with most riders and revenue.

Officials said the reason behind the increase in numbers is the improved connectivity between Sector 51 and 52 stations. While Sector 51 station is along Aqua Line, Sector 52 is part of Delhi metro under Delhi Metro Rail Corporation (DMRC).

"We have worked on improving the connection between NMRC and DMRC lines by constructing a walkway and a dedicated lane for a free e-rickshaw service between the stations. We have also re-

vised the bus routes so that the vehicles can act as feeders to the metro stations," said P D Upadhyay, the executive director, NMRC.

He added that increased awareness about connectivity and availability of last-mile option has led to more people using Aqua Line.

In the past few months, NMRC conducted several awareness drives among local residents and corporate employees.

The NMRC data for the past four months shows that QR ticket users were way more than the number of card users. While 71.8% riders used QR tickets, only 28.8% opted for the multi utility card issued by the NMRC.

Six NMRC stations that have seen the lowest ridership since January are Sectors 143, 144, 145, 146, 147 and 148. In the past four months, only 20 passengers have boarded trains from Sector 147. Sector 145 station has seen just 23 people in four months.