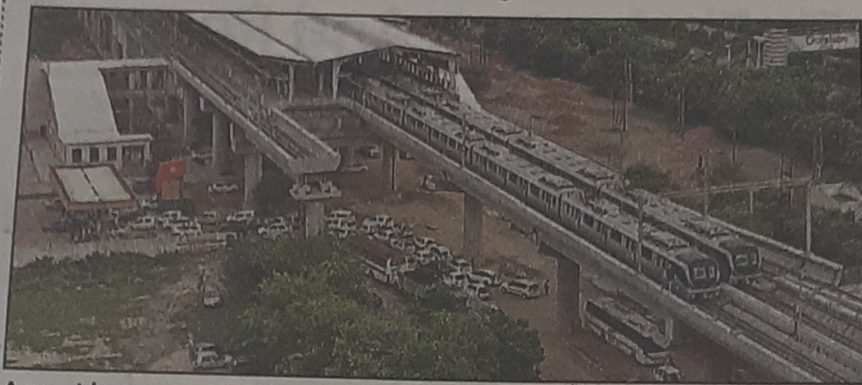


# Noida Metro not to be UPMRC subsidiary: Govt



Aqua Line, operated by NMRC, has 21 stations on the route

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**Noida:** The state cabinet on Tuesday said Noida Metro Rail Corporation (NMRC) will maintain status quo and not be a subsidiary to the newly formed Uttar Pradesh Metro Rail Corporation (UPMRC). It confirmed the formation of UPMRC, which will be an umbrella body to implement all metro projects across the state, including Agra and Kanpur.

The Lucknow metro will be reconstituted to head the UPMRC, said officials, adding that other projects have been proposed in Allahabad, Varanasi and Gorakhpur. The state government had earlier suggested that NMRC will become a subsidiary to the UPMRC but the decision was made only after discussion with the Centre.

They took opinions from consultants regarding how the merger will

take place. Unlike Agra, Kanpur and others, NMRC is an existing company with stakeholders.

“NMRC got cabinet approval in 2017 after which it has functioned as a separate special purpose vehicle for metro projects in Noida and Greater Noida. Several meetings were held to discuss the issue, including one in April with the ministry of housing and urban affairs,” said NMRC executive director PD Upadhyay. The Centre had asked the state to choose between two options — maintain the status quo of NMRC as a separate SPV or merge NMRC with UPMRC. The decision to not make NMRC a subsidiary is a relief for the metro operations. An independent metro body can ensure faster and smoother decision making related to metro operations.