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## Over 20,000 passengers for first time on Noida Metro on June 4

Built for Rs 5,503 crore, the Aqua Line was launched on January 25 this year and connects the twin cities in western Uttar Pradesh's Gautam Buddha Nagar district.

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NOIDA: The Aqua Line registered its highest single-day ridership on June 3, crossing the 20,000 mark for the time, the Noida Metro Rail Corporation Tuesday said attributing the hike to increased frequency of trains.

Before this, the metro service between Noida and Greater Noida, launched in January this year, had achieved its highest ridership of 19,413 on May 27, the NMRC said.

"The NMRC crossed the 20,000 mark and recorded the highest ridership till date by carrying 20,614 passengers on June 3 (Monday). The increase in frequency of trains to 7 minutes 30 seconds during peak hours and 10 minutes during non-peak hours which had been implemented from June 3 is one of the major factors for the increase in ridership," it said in a statement.

The NMRC said it had increased the frequency of the metro trains for weekdays -- Monday to Friday.

Earlier, the Aqua Line used to operate at a frequency of 10 minutes during peak hours and 15 minutes during non-peak hours on weekdays.

On Saturdays and Sundays, the frequency was 15 minutes and will continue to remain the same.

The operator of the Aqua Line said it has taken various measures to increase ridership.

The most important reason behind increase in ridership is improved connectivity between Aqua line and DMRC's Blue Line stations with the help of dedicated pathway and e-rickshaw service