

Maharashtra Metro Rail Corporation (Nagpur Metro Rail Project)

- Metro following all norms to keep passengers safe from Covid
- Passengers express satisfaction over safety measures taken by Metro

With state government and local authorities allowing regular services of Nagpur Metro from June 7 under 'Break the Chain' drive, Maha Metro has geared up for increase in passenger traffic. The number of passengers increased significantly on Monday after frequency of trains was increased to 30 minutes.

Steps have already been taken to ensure Covid safety for passengers. These were followed on Monday too.

Before the Metro services started all the trains and stations were sanitized. They were disinfected at regular intervals throughout the day. While sanitizing metro stations, emphasis was on areas with high footfall. The staff regularly sanitized all the touch points in the trains and stations. The staff sanitized the currency notes paid by passengers using ultra-violet rays and they were kept separately.

The advisories issued by various authorities were regularly communicated to the commuters. Regular announcements were made on public address systems, both at

stations and trains, about Covid-19 awareness. Standees and information boards were already in place at metro stations for passengers' information. These measures were appreciated by passengers, who used the Metro on Monday.

- AnkitaPatil, who was travelling from Sitabuldi to Bansi Nagar, said that she felt completely safe in Metro as all Covid safety norms were being followed. "My office opened for the first time after lockdown and I travelled by Metro as usual. I found that passengers' safety was being ensured at stations as well as inside trains," she added.
- **Jaffar Khan**, who was travelling from Ujjwal Nagar to Sitabuldi, was also satisfied with the safety precautions taken by Maha Metro. "I practically left my home for the first time since lockdown and was delighted to see that Metro has taken all measures for safety of passengers," he further said.

Maha Metro appeals to passengers to take all precautions advised by authorities to keep themselves safe. This will complement the measures taken by the agency.

Maha Metro also appeals to passengers to use Nagpur Metro as it is the safest, greenest and healthiest mode of travel.

Not only passengers are safe from Covid, they are safe from road accidents too. Over 700 major road accidents took place in 2020 claiming several lives. Nagpur is one of the most polluted cities in India. It is vital that passengers switch on public transport to reduce vehicular pollution. Metro provides the greenest mode of transport. According to doctors, travelling by Metro also keeps passengers healthy.