

URBAN TRANSPORT

A. Metro Rail Projects

(i) General Scenario

- Metro rail is operational or under construction in **28 cities** across the country.
- With the inauguration of first modern metro line in Delhi in 2002, today about **993 kms of metro rail lines are operational in 23 different cities** namely, Delhi & 8 NCR cities, Bangalore, Hyderabad, Kolkata, Chennai, Jaipur, Kochi, Lucknow, Mumbai, Ahmadabad, Nagpur, Kanpur, Pune, Gandhinagar and Agra.
- Further, **about 998 Kms of metro rail projects (including balance portion of Delhi-Meerut RRTS) are under construction** in various cities across the country namely Delhi, Bangalore, Kolkata, Chennai, Kochi, Mumbai, Nagpur, Ahmedabad, Gandhinagar, Pune, Kanpur, Agra, Bhopal, Indore, Patna, Surat and Meerut.
- First Regional Rapid Transit System (RRTS) between Delhi and Meerut was sanctioned in 2019. 42 kms of this stretch has been made operational since October, 2023.
- **Metro Rail lines operational:** Till May, 2014, about 248 kms of metro rail lines were operational in the country. This has increased by 745 kms till date and at present about 993 kms of metro rail lines are operational.
- **Average Metro Rail lines commissioned per month:** Till May, 2014, an average of 0.68 kms of metro rail lines was operationalised per month in the country which has now increased to around 6 kms/month.
- **Average Daily ridership in metro systems across the country:** The average daily ridership was about 28 lakhs in 2013-14. With the rapid expansion of metro rail network, the average daily ridership has now crossed 1 Crore.

(ii) Annual Budget for Metro Rail Project

Budget of Rs 24,844 Crores is sanctioned for Metro Rail Projects in FY 2024-24

(iii) June 2024 Onwards Sanctioned Projects: Projects of more than Rs 1 Lakh Crore sanctioned. Details as under:-

Project Details	Sanction Date	Kms	Cost (In Crs)
Bangalore Metro Rail Project Phase 3	16.09.2024	44.65	15611.00
Thane Integral Metro Rail Project	04.09.2024	29	12200.10
Pune Metro Rail Project Phase 1 Extension from Swargate to Katraj	04.09.2024	5.46	2954.53
Chennai Metro Rail Project Phase II	18.10.2024	118.9	63246.00
Rithala – Narela – Kundli	06.12.2024	26.463	6230.99
		224.473	1,00,242.62

(iv) Delhi specific details :

- Delhi (NCR) has the largest network of Metro Rail in the country of 393.417 Km. Another 141 km is under construction.
- In order to decongest Delhi, Rapid Railway network is being developed. 42km out of 82.15 Km of Delhi – Ghaziabad – Meerut RRTS is operational. By June 2025 remaining portion will also be operational.
- Average Daily Passenger Journey of DMRC recorded for the month of October 2024 is 64,08,029. Highest ridership of around 78 lakh persons recorded in DMRC on 18.11.2024.

B. PM-eBus Sewa Scheme

- “PM-eBus Sewa” launched on 16th August 2023 aims to augment urban bus operations in urban areas with Central Assistance (CA) of Rs. 20,000 crore for deploying 10,000 fully air-conditioned electric buses under the GCC model.
- Cities with a population between 3-40 lakhs and other State Capitals with less than 3 lakh population as per 2011 census are eligible.
- **Central Assistance on Per-km of bus operation for 10 years**, depending on the size of bus: ₹24 for standard buses (12 metre), ₹22 for midi buses (9 metre) and ₹20 for mini buses(7 metre).
- **Central assistance for Behind-the-meter power infrastructure:** 100%
- **Central assistance for Civil infrastructure of Depot:** 60% for cities of states, 90% central assistance to capital cities of Hilly states/North-East States/UTs with legislature and 100% central assistance to capital cities of UTs without legislature.
- **June 2024 onwards,**
 - **1021 electric buses** approved for 18 cities from states of Maharashtra, Rajasthan, Andhra Pradesh, and Madhya Pradesh taking the total number of approved buses to **6518 across 13 states and 4 UTs** in this scheme
 - ₹138.36 crore for power infrastructure in 20 cities and ₹193.47crore for civil infrastructure in 35 cities have been sanctioned taking the total sanction for associated infrastructure to 983.75 crore.
 - ₹437.50 Crores has been released to 8 States for development of associated infrastructure. (₹200.18 cr. to Maharashtra; ₹44.46cr. to Rajasthan; ₹30.19 cr. to Chhattisgarh; ₹11.87 to Chandigarh; 6.47cr. to Assam; ₹47.72 to Odisha; ₹9.06 to Gujarat; ₹87.55 to Bihar)
 - Letter of Award for 1250 buses from 19 cities of Maharashtra issued to the operator against the bid received in the first PM-eBus tender.