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'Underground Metro not a threat to heritage'

Mayor's name missing from Metro programme invite

PM to lay foundation of underground Metro line today



Jaipur: Continental Engineering Corporation (CEC), the company entrusted with construction of underground phase 1B of Jaipur Metro Rail, on Friday claimed there would be no danger to the city's heritage due to the construction work.

PM Manmohan Singh is slated to lay the foundation stone of the project on Saturday. Construction would be done ensuring safety of monuments like Hawa Mahal, high rise buildings and environment in Walled City of Jaipur, CEC MD Sunil B Shinde said.

With highly sophisticated machines, which were used to construct Delhi Metro in the Red Fort area would be used along with earth pressure balancing method to displace soil, Shinde said, adding it would be purely on scientific basis after soil test from different locations.

Imported machines, each costing around Rs 50 crore, would be pressed into service to construct two underground tunnel systems of 1.4 kms each from Chandpol to Badi Chaupar at a cost of Rs 507.36 crore in three years, he said. Cut and cover method would be used at 18-20 metre depth and traffic diversions would be in place at important crossings in the walled city, Shinde said.

Earlier Jaipur Metro Rail Corporation CMD NC Goyal said, Asian Development Bank (ADB) has provided a Rs 969 crore loan for the metro works said Badi Chaupar and Chhoti Chaupar's architecture would be rebuilt after construction of phase 1B.

Apprehending threats to Jaipur's heritage and monuments like Hawa Mahal, a number of social activists and the state BJP had protested against underground Metro works. —PTI

PM Manmohan Singh is expected to reach Kishangarh at around 11 am. The airport will come up at Kishangarh, about 100 km from Jaipur and 35 km from Ajmer. The new airport, estimated to cost Rs160 crore, is likely to start operation in 2016. PM will also dedicate to the nation a solar power plant constructed under Jawahar Lal Nehru Solar Mission in Ajmer

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Mayor Jyoti Khandelwal may be the first citizen of the city, but, ironically, her name finds no mention in the invitation letter of underground Metro track (Chandpole-Badi Chaupar) foundation stone-laying ceremony, which will be laid by PM Manmohan Singh on Saturday.

The letter has all the names of the city's dignitaries, including MPs, MLAs, IAS officers and other prominent people of the city. Even, BJP MLA Mohan Lal Gupta has succeeded in finding a place on the letter. It's strange that the Congress-ruled government forgot to name the mayor.

Highly-placed sources in the government said that her name has been deliberately left out. Reason being, the mayor had openly criticised MP Mahesh Joshi and chief minister Ashok Gehlot. Therefore, the government thought it right to sideline her in the important event.

The government is also scared that the mayor perhaps can speak against the government in the presence of the prime minister. Site where the PM would lay foundation stone of

Metro's underground line in Chandpol; (L) cops conduct security check —Pics Santosh Sharma.dna
First phase of Jaipur Metro East-West

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Prime minister Manmohan Singh will lay foundation stone of Jaipur Metro's underground rail line from Chandpol to Badi Chaupar on Saturday. This will be the second part of first phase of Jaipur Metro. The PM will lay foundation stone near Chandpol Metro station around 2.30 pm.

The underground Chandpol station is to be built by Continental Engineering Corporation (CEC) at a cost of Rs 507 crore in next three years. Earlier in the day, Singh will lay the foundation stone of the Kishangarh airport near Ajmer city.

Singh is expected to reach Kishangarh at around 11 am. The airport will come up at Kishangarh, about 100 km from here and 35 km near Ajmer. It will cater to demands of pilgrims who visit Ajmer Dargah Sharif and Pushkar Lake. The new airport, estimated to cost Rs160 crore, is likely to start operation in 2016.

Singh will also dedicate to the nation a solar power plant constructed under Jawahar Lal Nehru Solar Mission in Ajmer. Both the ceremonies at Kishangarh and Jaipur will take place today.

The first phase of Jaipur Metro East-West Corridor comprises of 9.718 km from Chandpol to Mansarovar. In the part 'B' of first phase 2.349 kilometre underground Metro rail will be built up.

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The second phase is estimated to cost Rs 6583 crore. Leaders like Sachin Pilot, Ashok Gehlot, Gurudas Kamat, Ajeet Singh and several other congressmen will remain preset at both the places with the prime minister.


Meanwhile, chief minister Ashok Gehlot along with various officials went for the site inspection to the Chandpol Metro station late on Friday evening to take a stock of the preparations for the prime minister's function.



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