

Good response for Mumbai Metro 2A and 7 lines with over 64000 commuters in 3 hrs; meet first passenger - video

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Yogesh Solanki | Photo credit: MMRDA

Mumbai: A day after the inauguration of the [Mumbai Metro's](#) new lines 2A and 7 by Prime Minister [Narendra Modi](#), the stretches were opened to the public on Friday evening. The new corridors witnessed a great response from Mumbaikars as it registered more than 64000 commuters in the first three hours on day one.

Though the opening was scheduled for 4 pm, the gates were opened around 30 minutes earlier and long queues were seen at ticket counters. According to Mumbai Metro officials, as many as 64065 passengers made use of both metro lines by 8 pm on Friday. While Metro 2A handled 35684 passengers, Metro 7 had 28381 riders. Many people expressed their happiness that the Metro stretches are finally open.

The first passenger on the newly inaugurated line was Yogesh Solanki, a young employee in Mumbai. He said he was waiting for years for the Metro to open.

"I was counting each day. My office is in [Andheri](#) and I live in Malad. It takes more than one and a half hour for me to reach the office. Road travel has been tiring and I was waiting for this Metro to open. I don't think no one in Mumbai will be happier than me," he said.

Mumbai Metropolitan Region Development Authority (MMRDA) shared a video of the first passenger.

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Our first Civil passenger Mr Yogesh Solanki expressed his happiness on commencement of [#MetroLine7 & 2A](#) He explains his travel woes till date over the years & how things hv changed for the better,thanks to MMRDA's MumbaiMetro
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On Thursday, Prime Minister Narendra Modi inaugurated two new Mumbai metro lines 2A and 7, a 35-km long elevated corridor stretching from Andheri to Dahisar, constructed at the cost of around Rs 12,600 crore. The metro line 2A connecting Dahisar E and DN Nagar (yellow line) is around 18.6 Km long, while metro line 7 connecting Andheri E - Dahisar E (red line) is around 16.5 Km long.

The PM travelled in the metro train between Gundavali and Mogra stations and interacted with a group of youngsters, women and metro rail workers.