

# Noida's Sector-50 metro station dedicated to transgender community will now be called 'Rainbow Station'

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## KEY HIGHLIGHTS

- The decision was taken on the basis of suggestions from individuals and NGOs
- The NMRC had last week announced its decision to convert the Sector 50 station into a 'She-Man' station
- The aim of the decision was to “empower the transgender community”

**Noida:** Noida's Sector-50 metro station which will be dedicated to the transgender community has been named as the ‘Rainbow Station’.

The Noida Metro Rail Corporation (NMRC), which operates the Noida-Greater Noida metro service also known as the Aqua Line has taken the decision on the basis of suggestions from individuals and NGOs, officials said on Wednesday.

“The NMRC has received a number of suggestions from individuals and NGOs regarding a suitable name for the station which would correctly signify and represent the essence of the community. Keeping these suggestions in mind, the NMRC has decided to name the station as 'Rainbow' station,” NMRC Managing Director Ritu Maheshwari was quoted as saying by news agency PTI.

In a first-of-its-kind initiative by a Metro rail system in northern India, the NMRC had last week announced its decision to convert the Sector 50 station into a 'She-Man' station with an aim to “empower the transgender community”.

While announcing the decision on June 19, the NMRC MD had cited Census 2011 figures to state that there are 4.9 lakh transgenders in India out of which 30,000 to 35,000 are staying in Delhi-National Capital Region (NCR).

“The NMRC has started this initiative with very noble intentions and aim to empower the transgender community,” Maheshwari said.

## ‘Employment for transgenders’

She further asserted that the metro service will also be providing transgenders with employment opportunities to help them become self-reliant and pave the way for their healthy inclusion and participation in the society.

Maheshwari said that the NMRC has taken the decision for the “inclusion and meaningful participation” of the members of the transgender community, Maheshwari said.

The Noida-Greater Noida Metro, which started functioning in January 2019, connects the twin cities in Gautam Buddha Nagar adjoining Delhi in western Uttar Pradesh, covering a distance of nearly 30 km over 21 stations.