

High fares bring down Noida Metro card sale

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The sale of Noida Metro cards has gone down considerably in a little over four months of its operation with commuters blaming lack of seamless connectivity and high fare as main reasons behind it.

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Noida Metro Rail Corporation (NMRC) has joined hands with the State Bank of India (SBI) to issue SBI-NMRC City1 card. Noida Metro charges a fee of 1.8 per cent or Rs 12 (whichever is less rounded off to the nearest rupee).

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minimum of ₹10 to ₹50 to travel on weekdays (Monday to Saturday) while anywhere between ₹10 and ₹40 on Sundays and national holidays. Card users get 10 per cent discount on each journey.

Top-up of ₹1.6 crore has been done on these cards by commuters so far, the Noida Metro data said.

Akash Singh, a daily traveller, said that there is lack of seamless connectivity between Noida Metro and Delhi Metro. This acts as a single big hurdle for commuters to use the Noida Metro Aqua Line.

At present, commuters have to exit at the Sector 51 station of Noida Metro and walk nearly 300 metres on an under-construction road to take the Blue Line at Sector 52 station. The narrow under-construction pathway is filled with dust and commuters have to pave way to walk on it as criss-crossing e-rickshaws ply unruly on them, he said.