

Noida Metro stood still due to non-payment of security personnel

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NOIDA (Metro Rail News): Noida Metro services came to a standstill between Noida and Greater Noida during peak hours on Wednesday and leaving several commuters stranded.

The Security personnel deployed at the Aqua line metro, protest against the non-payment of salaries by their security agency and halted their services of Metro stations' security frisking areas.

To add to the woes of the passengers, the services were stopped, stretching over two hours, leaving them to look for other modes of transportation.

Uttar Pradesh Provincial Armed Constabulary provide security of the Aqua Line stations and the Ironman Security Services provide general security and frisking of the passenger. The security staff from these services struck from work in to demonstrate their agony of non-repayment of salaries from 6 am to 8 am. This time footfalls in the metro are the highest due to work hours.

Noida Metro Rail Corporation (NMRC) officials said The matter has been taken seriously and is considered a lapse of security. The services were put to a stop at the Sector 81, 83, 101, 137 and NSEZ Metro stations. The staff of the private security were not at their positions and refused to carry out their duties that caused a ruckus at the metro stations. Arguments broke out between the guards and passengers due to the inconvenience.

With no one at the check posts, passengers could not access the metro and had to resort to other modes of transport. The staff had not given a prior notice with regard to the strike and hence all were taken by surprise.