PM Modi launches Pune Metro projects worth ₹21,800 crore: opens Line 3 (Pink Line), lays foundation for Phase II (Lines 2A, 2B, 4, 4A)

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News

On 3 Nov 2026 PM Narendra Modi, via video conferencing, launched Pune Metro projects worth ₹21,800 crore. (1) Inaugurated: Pune Metro Line 3 (Pink Line) – Maan to District Court station, ≈ 23 km, over ₹8,300 crore; it links the Hinjewadi IT hub with Shivajinagar; it will be run entirely by women train operators; ≈ 30% of its power will come from solar. (2) Foundation stone: Phase II (≈ ₹13,500 crore) – Lines 2A (Vanaz–Chandani Chowk) and 2B (Ramwadi–Vitthalwadi) together ≈ 12.75 km; Line 4 (Kharadi–Khadakwasla, ≈ 25.52 km); Line 4A (Nal Stop–Manik Baug, ≈ 6.12 km). Maharashtra CM Devendra Fadnavis took part.

Key facts

Date	3 Nov 2026, 12:30 pm – via video conferencing
Opened	Line 3 (Pink Line): Maan–District Court, ≈ 23 km, > ₹8,300 crore; Hinjewadi–Shivajinagar
Highlights	All-women train operators; ≈ 30% power from solar
Foundation	Phase II ≈ ₹13,500 crore: 2A, 2B (≈ 12.75 km), 4 (≈ 25.52 km), 4A (≈ 6.12 km)

Interchanges	Swargate, Nal Stop, Kharadi Bypass

Background

- Execution: it is the first corridor approved as a public–private partnership (PPP) under the Centre's 2017 Metro Rail Policy; the Pune Metropolitan Region Development Authority (PMRDA) built it with the Tata Group. It has 23 stations, 17 of which open in the first phase.
- Geography: Pune lies on the Deccan Plateau in Maharashtra at the confluence of the Mula and Mutha rivers; the combined Mula-Mutha flows into the Bhima (a Krishna tributary). The Khadakwasla dam is on the Mutha.
- History: Pune's Aga Khan Palace (built 1892 by Aga Khan III) – Gandhiji was interned here from 9 Aug 1942 to 6 May 1944 during the Quit India Movement; Kasturba Gandhi and Mahadev Desai died here. Pune was also the Peshwas' capital.

Tamil Nadu link: Venkoji (Ekoji I), the younger half-brother of Maratha king Shivaji (both sons of Shahaji), captured Thanjavur in the 1670s (c. 1675) and founded the Thanjavur Maratha kingdom, which lasted until British annexation in 1855 – a historic Maharashtra–Tamil Nadu bond.

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