

Delhi Metro ridership jumps 25 percent, revenue 32 percent

With over 700,000 passengers every day, Delhi Metro has registered a 25 percent rise in ridership and around 32 percent jump in revenue in the last one year, Delhi Metro Rail Corporation (DMRC) said Tuesday.

'The rise in ridership comes in the wake of the opening of Shahdara-Dilshad Garden line of Phase II, admissions in the Delhi University and spread of Metro feeder bus services,' said Anuj Dayal, DMRC spokesman.

The Shahdara-Dilshad Garden line opened to the public June 4 this year. DMRC is also operating 97 feeder buses on 16 routes.

'The ridership jumped by almost 10 percent in just a month from May 2008 to June 2008,' Dayal added.

He said in June the average daily ridership has been 702,731, whereas last year, the average daily ridership was 563,095.

'The corresponding period also recorded a rise of 31.62 percent in daily average revenue from Rs.6.26 million to Rs.8.24 million,' said Dayal.

Delhi Metro is the modern mass transport system of Delhi. Currently it has a network of over 68 km and constructions are on to add another 120 km before the 2010 Commonwealth Games.

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