

NCMC to be fully operationalised on Delhi Metro's Airport Express Line with RuPay

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Mumbai – December 29, 2020: National Payments Corporation of India announced that the Delhi Metro Rail Corporation will accept the National Common Mobility Card (NCMC) for metro travel on the 23 km long Airport Express Line from New Delhi to Dwarka Sector-21 starting 28th December 2020. With this initiative more than 1 crore RuPay contactless cardholders can use their cards on this line seamlessly to board on the train and skip long ticketing queues. Passengers travelling on the Airport Line need not to buy a separate token or card to board the train as their **RuPay card** will act as the travel ticket. This facility will be available on the entire Delhi Metro network by 2022.

Soon commuters will also be able to use a mobile phone to enter or exit a metro station by storing their RuPay Cards on their NFC enabled phones. Apart from using this card for travelling on Delhi Metro, RuPay Cardholders can shop, dine and perform regular purchases like any other debit/credit card.

'One Nation One Card' is an inter-operable transport card program launched by Hon'ble PM last year for passengers to pay at multiple transport operators using their existing RuPay Contactless NCMC (National Common Mobility Card). These cards can be used to make ticket payments in transit including metros, buses, cabs, toll etc enabling automatic offline cashless payments using the revolutionary technology of secure wallet on card, thereby reducing the transaction time.

Dr. Mangu Singh, MD, DMRC said, "The implementation of the National Common Mobility Card (NCMC) facility on the Airport Express Line of the Delhi Metro is a very important step forward towards making travel more convenient for the passengers. Now, any passenger holding an **NCMC compliant RuPay Card** will be able to travel seamlessly on the Airport Line without purchasing any additional smart card or token. We hope to make the entire Delhi Metro system NCMC compliant by 2022, which will certainly revolutionise the overall traveling experience of the commuters."

Nalin Bansal, Head of RuPay & NFS, NPCI said, "We are pleased to be a part of this unique Make in India initiative with DMRC which is set to transform the passengers' journey. RuPay Contactless NCMC is a testament of customers' increased preference of travelling cashless and hassle-free to save time and long queues. The cutting edge qSPARC offline technology backing the RuPay Contactless NCMC, provides split second response at the terminals and gates, enabling queue busting. This initiative embarks RuPay on a journey to make customers "atmanirbhar", less dependent on cash and at the same time experience RuPay card's numerous features. It's our constant endeavor at NPCI to offer innovative features and functionalities to all our RuPay Cardholders to make all their transactions convenient and memorable."

This unique feature is a step ahead to create RuPay an Indian household name thereby creating a greater penetration of RuPay's network in the country.

About NPCI:

National Payments Corporation of India (NPCI) was incorporated in 2008 as an umbrella organization for operating retail payments and settlement systems in India. NPCI has created a robust payment and settlement infrastructure in the country. It has changed the way payments are made in India through a bouquet of retail payment products such as RuPay card, Immediate Payment Service (IMPS), Unified Payments Interface (UPI), Bharat Interface for Money (BHIM), BHIM Aadhaar, National Electronic Toll Collection (NETC Fastag) and Bharat BillPay. NPCI also launched UPI 2.0 to offer a more secure and comprehensive services to consumers and merchants.

NPCI is focused on bringing innovations in the retail payment systems through use of technology and is relentlessly working to transform India into a digital economy. It is facilitating secure payments solutions with nationwide accessibility at minimal cost in furtherance of India's aspiration to be a fully digital society.

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