

'Technology speeds metro work'

The second day of Amalthea 2011, annual technical summit of IIT Gandhinagar, began with a lot of enthusiasm on Sunday. The morning session by Mangu Singh, Director (Works) of Delhi Metro Rail Corporation, left the audience amazed.

Singh, who is being touted as a replacement for DMRC Chief E Sreedharan, has submitted a detailed project report (DPR) for MetroLink Express Ahmedabad-Gandhinagar (MEGA) project to the state government. Our part has been completed," he said.

Interestingly, the first phase of the metro which was supposed to end in 10 years, was concluded in seven and a half years. While the second stretch which was double the size took only half the time to complete. "With such good technology, the project may take four years for normal route to begin, and three years and more for the elevated route," he added.

One of the strong factors that Singh attributed to the success of Delhi Metro is that time was of essence. He said, "The major difference between Mumbai and Delhi was the value of time. In last few years, since the functioning of metro, we have been observing that people value and plan their whole day with a lot of punctuality. It is not just about reaching to work on time but also having to save time."

Another strong quality of the functioning is 'decision making', he said, adding, "we have a lean organisation with no peons or clerks. It saves a lot of energy and time. Quick decisions are also encouraged. Here, in Gujarat too, once the decision are taken quickly, things will move faster." The DMRC had proposed a metro stretch between Koba Circle to Airport for which decision has yet to come, added Singh.



Mangu Singh, Director (Works) of Delhi Metro, said they have given a detailed report on MetroLink Express Ahmedabad-Gandhinagar project to the government

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