

Kochi Water Metro will accelerate port city's development, says Kerala CM ahead of launch

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Synopsis

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Kerala Chief Minister [Pinarayi Vijayan](#) on Saturday termed the [Kochi Water Metro](#), set to be launched by Prime Minister Narendra Modi next week, as a "dream project" of the state that would accelerate the growth and development of Kochi. Sources in the Chief Minister's Office (CMO) said [PM Modi](#) would launch the Kochi Water Metro service in a function here on April 25.

With the launching of the flagship project set up at a cost of Rs 1,136.83 crore in the port city, one more assurance given to the people of the state by the LDF government is being fulfilled, Vijayan said in a Facebook post.

In a tweet, he said exciting times are ahead for the southern state's transport and tourism sectors.

"The world-class #KochiWaterMetro is setting sail! It is Kerala's dream project connecting 10 islands in and around Kochi. KWM with 78 electric boats & 38 terminals cost 1,136.83 crores, funded by GoK & KfW," he tweeted. [KfW](#) is a German funding agency.

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Passengers can travel in both Kochi metro and water metro using the "Kochi 1" card. They can also book the tickets digitally, the CM added.