

Engineering Innovation in India Hyderabad Metro Launch: 10 Key Facts



Touted as the biggest metro rail project in the country taken up in the Public-Private Partnership (PPP) mode, the Hyderabad Metro Rail service was inaugurated by Hon'ble Prime Minister Narendra Modi recently. People can hop on to the world-class metro when 30-km stretch from Nagole to Miyapur

Here are 10 important facts about the metro rail project:

1. The 30 km-long first phase of the metro rail project between Miyapur and Nagole was launched by the prime minister at Miyapur station.
2. After Prime Minister Narendra Modi inaugurated Metro, commercial operations began from November 29 at 6 am from Nagole station. There are four entry/exits at the stations.
3. The stretch with 24 stations covers several busy clusters and city landmarks, including the Rajiv Gandhi International Cricket Stadium, Osmania University, Secunderabad Railway Station and major commercial hubs like Begumpet and Ameerpet.
4. During the initial days, spillover of passengers onto the roads will be a major concern. So another key feature will be the integration with other modes of transport like buses, taxis, auto-rickshaws and even bicycles to ensure end-to-end connectivity.
5. The Telangana State Road Transport Corporation (TSRTC) will run feeder services from and to Metro stations. To begin with, 50 feeder buses would be operated from select Metro stations and also residential colonies connecting them to the IT corridor.
6. All three corridors of the Hyderabad Metro Rail will become operational by December 2018. June 2018 is the deadline for completion of the Hi-Tec City Corridor and the LB Nagar to Ameerpet stretch.
7. Hyderabad Metro is the world's best project in the Public-Private-Partnership (PPP) mode. The Bangkok Metro was also conceived in the PPP mode, but that is only 32-km long compared to the 72-km Hyderabad Metro, Hyderabad Metro Rail managing director NVS Reddy said.
8. Among the 24 stations along the route, Ameerpet interchange station is claimed to be an engineering marvel and the largest Metro station in the country spread over two lakh square feet.
9. Many including had doubts whether the project in PPP mode will ever take off.
10. Metro Smart Card sales are now confined to only four metro stations, Nagole, Tarnaka, Prakashnagar and SR Nagar. From November 29, the cards have been made available at all the 24 Metro stations on the Miyapur-Nagole route. Miyapur will be thrown open for commercial operations.