MD, HMRL Mr. NVS Reddy inspected the Urban Rejuvenation works being done by HMRL at Metro Stations between Ameerpet and Miyapur (13 km stretch) of Corridor-1 today (02.10.2017). The main focus of the inspection is on dispersal of crowds expected at the Metro stations, especially during heavy rains and special occasions. Drawing upon the lessons of the recent mishap at a Mumbai suburban station where stampede occurred, the MD instructed that the sidewalks (footpaths) at Metro stations shall be widened by acquiring an additional 15 to 20 feet strip from the adjacent properties through land acquisition process, if required. Designs for skywalks at important stations and stations in narrow areas shall be expedited and works started early. He also instructed the engineers to remove all construction debris, clean up the station premises and speed up the Urban Rejuvenation works in the inaugural stretch.

Urban Rejuvenation works at each station cover an area of about 700mtrs and they are divided into 3 zones. The works in the main station area of 220mtrs (zone B) shall be completed before the Metro Rail inauguration, the MD emphasized. Railing separating the entry exit points and the main carriage way shall be provided in the main station area, so that the Metro passengers will not come on to the main carriage way. Location of bus-bays, auto-bays, e-vehicle-bays and other parking areas shall be evenly distributed depending upon the specific requirements at each station in order to ensure uniform distribution of crowds and optimal utilization of the available space.

Location of toilet facilities shall be in diagonally opposite directions on both ends of the Metro station. Further, all overhead electrical installations on both sides of Metro stations shall be replaced with underground cabling enabling formation of service lanes.
Following are the observations/instructions of the MD during inspection:

- On the right side of the Ameerpet interchange station (Saradhi studio side), a 15 feet strip from Saradhi studio and adjacent timber depots shall be acquired to provide better passenger movement. The slab over open nala shall slightly be extended and railing to be provided for creation of ‘pedestrian refuge’ area. Encroachments by the commercial building between Mythrivanam and Evercars to be removed on the left side of Ameerpet station.

- Appreciating the design pattern of tiles at SR Nagar Metro station, the MD instructed engineers to provide neat groves for the footpath kerbs and increase the kerb height of planters so that the plantation red earth will not spill on to the newly laid footpaths.

- Proper ramps are to be provided for the footpaths at Erragadda station to take care of the differential heights. The open nala on the right side of the station shall be covered with grills and gratings for pedestrian safety, but at the same time allowing inflow of rain water which overflows from IDL cheruvu side, during heavy rainfall.

- Open nala adjacent to the grave yard on the left side of Moosapet station to be covered and the area shall be beautified. Obstructing electric poles on the right hand side of the station shall be shifted and broader service lane to be created.

- Encroachments on the right side of Balanagar station shall be removed and service road to be widened.

- Speedy completion of service road at Kukatpally station and proper alignment of the service road with the adjacent bye-lane on the right hand side to be done. Removal of the obstructing compound wall and acquisition of about 40 sq.yds from the timber depot private land adjacent Big Bazar to be done, so that a bigger service land can be formed on the left side of the station.

- The works of service roads and intermediate footpaths on both sides of KPHB station shall be expedited by removal of encroachments and shifting of
obstructing electric poles. Alignment of the footpath on the right side of station shall be smoothly integrated up to KPHB Kaman for better flow of traffic.

- Encroachments shall be removed on both sides of JNTU Metro station, electrical installations shall be shifted and formation of service roads shall be expedited. The utility chambers and rooms of Water Board which are coming in the way of service lane at the station shall be relocated with the help of Water Board engineers and the cost shall be borne by HMRL.

- Appreciating the large scale activities for creation of about 3 lakhsft of quality public space on both sides of Miyapur terminal station, the MD has instructed the engineers to expedite the works at Miyapur. The service lane on right side of the station shall be properly aligned to various bye-lanes; and footpaths shall be properly merged on both ends with road level by provision of ramps. Bollardssshall be installed to prevent entry of two wheelers on the newly created footpaths.

Mr.M.Vishnuvardhan Reddy, SE, Mr.B.Rajeswar, GM(Works), ADCP Mr.A.Balakrishna and other senior officials of HMRL have participated in the inspection.

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MD, HMRL Mr. NVS Reddy inspecting urban rejuvenation works at SR Nagar Metro station on Monday (02.10.2017)
MD, HMRL Mr. NVS Reddy inspecting urban rejuvenation works at Erragadda Metro station on Monday (02.10.2017)

MD, HMRL Mr. NVS Reddy suggesting improvements to the plans of urban rejuvenation works at Erragadda Metro station on Monday (02.10.2017)
MD, HMRL Mr. NVS Reddy giving instructions to HMRL engineers on urban rejuvenation works at KPHB Metro station on Monday (02.10.2017)

MD, HMRL Mr. NVS Reddy inspecting service road formation and other urban rejuvenation works at JNTU Metro station on Monday (02.10.2017)
MD, HMRL Mr. NVS Reddy inspecting service road formation and other urban rejuvenation works at Miyapur Metro station on Monday (02.10.2017)