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# 30-km Metro stretch by Nov

HMRL officials ramp up pace of works to meet deadline



TAKING STOCK: NVS Reddy, MD, HMRL, inspecting works at Ameerpet interchange station on Sunday.

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Chief Minister K Chandrashekhar Rao has instructed Hyderabad Metro Rail Limited (HMRL) and L&T Metro Rail Hyderabad Limited (L&TMRHL) to complete Miyapur to Ameerpet (13 km) and Ameerpet to Nagole (17 km) sections of the metro rail project by November.

In view of the anticipated November inauguration of these two metro rail sections by Prime Minister Narendra Modi, the HMRL officials have doubled-up efforts to complete the stretch within the scheduled time.

In this connection, on Sunday, HMRL Managing Director NVS Reddy inspected Ameerpet inter-

change station, which is a vital station that connects Corridor-I (Miyapur-LB Nagar) and Corridor-III (Nagole-Raidurg).

Spread over 2 lakh sq ft, the Ameerpet Metro Station is one of the biggest metro stations in India with several special features. The Metro Corridor III is at a lower level and Corridor I passes over the Ameerpet station at a higher level.

With the platform level of Corridor-I at 92 ft height and the roof level at 112 ft, special steel columns and roofing structures are being done by a specialist agency from Trichy, according to a press release.

Already 800 skilled workers and engineers are working round the clock at Ameerpet interchange sta-

tion. The columns and the roof structure resemble the ones which are in modern airports, HMRL officials said. The main area of the entire station is being done with jaguar brown granite flooring and on both sides it has 16 lifts, 12 escalators and 12 staircases.

NVS Reddy directed engineers to see that all the facilities are seamlessly integrated in a passenger-friendly manner. Passengers can transit from one corridor to the other in a smooth way with wider staircases and more skyways from the platform on Corridor-III to that of Corridor-I. Reddy also instructed engineers to keep wider passenger congregation areas as 30,000 passengers are expected to use the station every day.