

# ROMANCING THE CITY IN

# METRO



**ICONIC FOOD JOINTS, SHOPPING CENTRES AND HISTORICAL PLACES - A METRO RIDE HAS ALL OF THEM CONNECTED**

Express Features

**Y**ou think you've seen it all in Hyderabad and wondering how else can the city surprise you more? But what if we see the City of Nizams through a new lens? What if we find a new way of romancing the city and that too without having to face the traffic snarls and the parking woes, in air-conditioned coach and getting the bird's eye view of the city? Hyderabad Express took a round across the various routes of the Hyderabad Metro Rail to tell you how to do the city in a day.

### AMEERPET

It is one of the transition stations from where you can catch trains to various

routes and hence this is going to be our main reference station. Ameerpet station is soon turning into a busy commercial spot where you can get the daily necessities of life. Dadu's, the popular fast food chain, has an outlet here offering their lip-smacking chats and savouries at subsidised rates. Besides these, there are other outlets selling *biryani*, *shawarma*, tea and more! The Ratnadeep outlet there will make sure that all the items in your grocery list are ticked. You can buy medicines there too at 20 percent discount. But what had our minds blown away was the Sivi Express Beauty Parlour which offers threading at Rs 9 and face clean-up at Rs 89! Besides these, a shopping mall is coming up there soon.

### PARADE GROUNDS

Go for a walk or a run by 6 am to Parade Grounds and feel the fresh air. Entry is free and the vast open ground and with veteran joggers there will make you feel active. Now that you've worked out a bit, you need a treat

### SECUNDERABAD EAST

Get off at the Secunderabad East station and enjoy the first hot cup of Irani chai with bun maska at Hotel Blue Sea, just a stone's throw from the station. Now that you've are fuelled, you can walk a bit to visit the Ganesh Temple for a quick *darshan* (just two minutes walk) and head back to the metro station. It's almost mid-morning and time for a sumptuous break-

fast. Also, Secunderabad has many beautiful churches. Visit the over a century old St Mary's Basilica or the Millennium Methodist church in Patny to understand their history.

### PUNJAGUTTA

Get down at Punjagutta station and take the skywalk to PVR Galleria Mall. Try a burger at Burger King or some Mexican food at the Taco Bell outlet, or Italian at Pizza Hut. There are Pantaloons, Body Shop and Sketchers outlets for some retail therapy. If you are tired, watch a movie at the PVR hall or your favourite games in the gaming zone. In case you are craving for some Hyderabad *biryani*, the Meridian restaurant bang opposite the station will