

Ameerpet-Hi-Tec City Metro stretch to open by Jan-end

Missed Dec Deadline Due To Certain Tests

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Hyderabad: The Hyderabad Metro stretch between Ameerpet and Hi-Tec City will be thrown open to the public by January-end, Hyderabad Metro Rail Limited (HMRL) managing director NVS Reddy said on Sunday.

Although the Hyderabad Metro Rail officials were hopeful of meeting the December deadline, it has been delayed because of certain ongoing tests. "The inspections by technical experts and engineers, who have been conducting trial runs and tests to observe various critical parameters and performance, has put brakes on the launch for now, but the operations will start by the last week of January," Reddy said.

The Metro line is being subjected to 18 tests, including tests for speed, load, safety, traction, signalling and

SERVICES EXTENDED TONIGHT

► Keeping New Year celebrations in mind, the Hyderabad Metro Rail timings have been extended for December 31 to ensure safe travel for commuters

► The last train will leave terminal stations of Miyapur, LB Nagar and Nagole at 12 midnight, instead of the regular time of 11pm, informed NVS Reddy, managing director of Hyderabad Metro Rail Limited

► The government will also launch an app soon through which commuters can plan multi-modal trips in the city



► The last train will leave Ameerpet interchange station at 12.30am

► Metro Rail officials also informed that modalities for introducing the Common Mobility Card for Metro, MMTS, TSRTC, auto and other transport services have been finalised

telecommunication. There are 10 stations along this stretch, which are part of Corridor-3 (Nagole-Raidurgam) of the HMRL project.

When contacted, L&T Metro Rail officials said the trial runs were still going on and the Commissioner of Metro Rail Safety (CMRS) inspection must take place before they proceed further.

"The mandatory inspec-

tion of CMRS is the only thing that is due. After the inspection, the CMRS will permit operation of commercial services on the stretch and only then the services will begin," L&T's Naren Goteti told TOI.

The Metro stations along the stretch opening in January are Madhura Nagar, Yousufguda, Road Number 5, Jubilee Hills, Jubilee Hills

Checkpoint, Peddamma Temple, Madhapur, Durgam Cheruvu, Hi-Tec City, Shilparamam and Raidurgam.

The Metro is presently operational on the Miyapur-LB Nagar corridor 1, which has 27 stations, and Nagole-Ameerpet stretch on corridor 3, which has 13 stations from .

Corridor 2 of the project between Jubilee Bus Station and Falaknuma (16 stations) is likely to be completed by 2019.

In view of the New Year celebrations, Metro services would be extended on December 31 to facilitate safe travel for commuters. The HMRL MD informed that the last train would leave terminal stations of Miyapur, LB Nagar and Nagole at 12 midnight in all directions. Accordingly, the last train at Ameerpet interchange station would leave at 12.30am in different directions.

With the operationalisation of a 16km stretch of Metro rail between Ameerpet and LB Nagar in September this year, HMR became the second largest Metro rail network in the country next to Delhi.