

Now, more Metro stations to offer bike services at ₹4/km

Will Gradually Have 500 Bikes, Says NVS Reddy

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Hyderabad: In a move to enhance last-mile connectivity, the Hyderabad Metro Rail Limited (HMRL), on Wednesday, inaugurated three new bike stations at Nagole, Parade Ground and Begumpet stations. Commuters alighting at any of these points can now rent a bike for a meagre ₹4 per kilometre to travel to and from their destinations.

Earlier this year, the first such 'Rent a Bike' station was set up at Miyapur — a collaborative venture of HMRL and a private agency — with 20 bikes available for hire. With three new stations being added to the list, the total count of bikes across stations has now touched 60.

NVS Reddy, managing director, HMRL said that the project will gradually be scaled up to include 500 bikes. "The rent a bike project has

'GOOD DEMAND FOR RENT A BIKE'

► Bike stations inaugurated at Nagole, Parade Ground & Begumpet

60 Total number of bikes across stations

► Passengers need to furnish driver's license and Aadhaar card to rent a bike

► Helmets will also be provided to commuters



Begumpet Metro station



Parade Ground Metro station

“The rent a bike project has seen good demand among commuters. It will slowly be scaled up and extended to all Metro stations — NVS Reddy MD, HMRL

seen good demand among commuters. It will slowly be scaled up and extended to all Metro stations,” said Reddy.

Passengers can rent these bikes by furnishing driver's license and Aadhaar card and will have the option of renting vehicles with or without gears to reach their workplaces/houses from the stations. Commuters will not have to pay any waiting and fuel charges. According to

those working with Metro Bikes, the bike rental agency providing the service at the Metro stations, helmets will also be provided to commuters availing the service.

“Now rent a scooter starting at ₹4 per kilometre at Nagole, Parade Ground, Begumpet and Miyapur; service provided by Metro Bikes,” tweeted L&T Metro Rail (Hyderabad) Limited officials, on Wednesday.