

[Last Mile Connector]

Pedal back home from metro stations

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Passengers of the Hyderabad Metro Rail (HMR) will have the option of pedalling their way to their destinations from Metro stations.

To begin with, those boarding and alighting trains at Miyapur, JNTU, KPHB, Kukatpally and a couple of other stations will have the facility of using cycles from stations.

HMR will operate bicycles in association with different organisations to promote eco-friendly, cost effective transportation and to ensure last mile connectivity.

There are plans to introduce e-bikes along with the conventional bicycles, as well. With HMR promoting alternate energy usage, there will be charging facilities at the stations to charge the e-bikes.

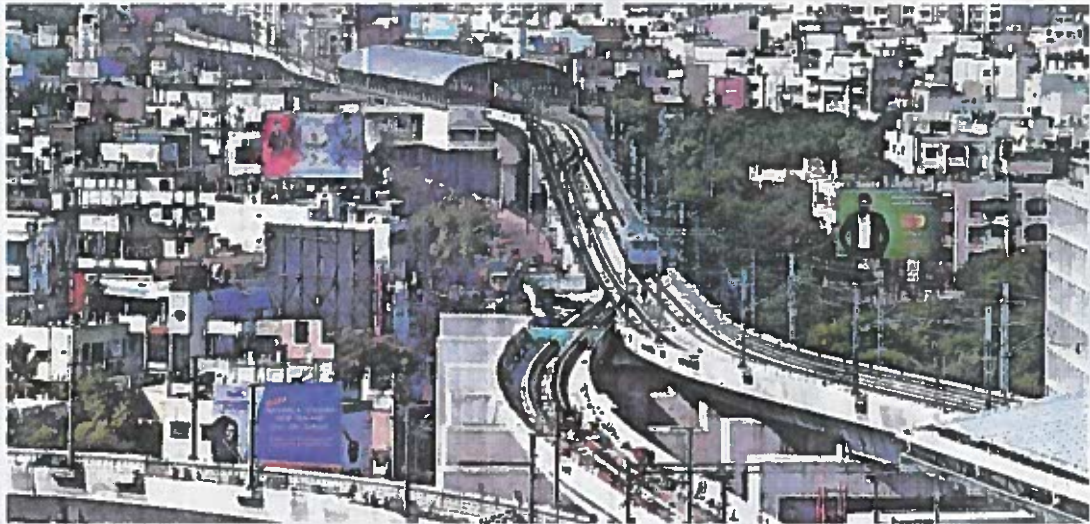
HMR intends to offer 10,000 bicycles through many bike stations on all the three corridors. With the HMR services to be launched on November 28 by Prime Minister Narendra Modi, authorities are working on finalising different aspects of the facility.

The idea is to scale up the bicycle sharing service gradually after a low key launch. For a start, about 100 bicycles would be offered from limited stations and demand would be assessed, HMR Managing Director NVS Reddy said.

The idea behind launching it initially from Miyapur, JNTU and KPHB among others, was to cater to the requirements of software and other corporate employees, he said. In a phased manner, the service would be extended at other stations on the Miyapur-Nagole stretch.

"Already a couple of organisations, including a private company, have evinced interest in operating the bicycle service," Reddy said.

On the charges for using



FIRST LOOK: Metro Rail from Miyathiruvanam to SR Nagar. — Photo: Haru Rajesh



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the cycling facility, he said modalities were still being finalised. There will be quite a few options for the users such as monthly passes, app-based, pay and use option etc., he added.

Already, a few Metro Rail

services in the country were operating bicycle sharing services.

Apart from promoting, eco-friendly transportation and reducing traffic congestion, cycling helped one to stay fit. A few corporate

companies in the city were offering bicycles sharing option for their employees. Last year, DLF had launched an app-based service for its employees at Gachibowli in association with a private company.

How it is being done in Delhi Metro Rail?

Delhi Metro Rail Corporation under its Public Bicycle Sharing service is offering bicycles for metro passengers

Users will have to register their names for hiring the cycles from

13 metro stations



- This card, which is valid for one year, can be recharged as required by the user



- A smart card will also be issued on deposit of ₹50 to the members

Hyderabad Cycling Club one of the partners

Hyderabad Cycling Club, a not for profit organisation, which is partnering with HMR for offering bicycles will be importing bikes from Germany. These bikes are advanced, equipped with gears and GPS system. The components will be imported and assembled here and coinciding the launch, there will be a curtain raiser for bikes and bike stations as well, said HBC chairman DV Manohar. The idea is to promote cycling. There will be many bike stations established at stations, colonies and prominent commercial locations to ensure first and last mile connectivity for the metro users. User charges will be affordable and there will be incentives for those opting for the daily or annual passes, said Manohar.