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The Hyderabad Metro Rail Project notched up yet another distinction with 17 of its elevated stations in Stages I and II, receiving platinum certification from Indian Green Building Council (IGBC).

The platinum rating was received for Nagole, Uppal, Survey of India, NGRI, Hab-

siguda, Tarnaka, Mettuguda, Miyapur, JNTU College, KPHB Colony, Kukatpally, Balanagar, Moosapet, Bharat Nagar, Er-ragadda, ESI Hospital and SR Nagar stations, according to a statement. The stations achieved 75 points each.

IGBC launched the IGBC Green Mass Rapid Transit System (MRTS) rating to encourage green concepts

in design, construction and operation of new rail-based MRTS projects.

The rating system helps address national priorities such as conserving natural resources, demand side energy and water efficiency, adoption of renewable energy, management of waste, and commuter health and comfort, the statement added.

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These ratings are based on six environmental categories as defined by IGBC Green MRTS Rating — site selection and planning, water efficiency, energy efficiency, material conservation, indoor environment and comfort, and innovation in design and construction.

Shivanand Nimbargi, MD & CEO of L&T Metro Rail (Hyderabad), described the achievement as a proud moment for L&T Metro Rail Limited. "The IGBC Platinum rating reinstates the fact that L&T has followed the best international practices in constructing the Project," he said. The award was presented by CN Raghavendran, chairman of IGBC - Chennai chapter, in the presence of AK Tewari, adviser (EnHM), Railway Board and others.