

# More metro trains to meet passenger rush

Frequency increased during peak hours

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Almost a week after Corridor One - L.B. Nagar to Miyapur - became operational, the Hyderabad Metro Rail and L&T Metro Rail Hyderabad (L&TMRH) authorities have been forced to increase the number of trains as well as the frequency, thanks to huge patronage on Sunday.

"We have had to run three additional trains, and trips were run from Dilsukhnagar (towards Miyapur) and KPHB (towards L.B. Nagar) for even distribution. We expect the footfall to touch the two-lakh mark with about 1.80 lakh paid passengers," informed HMR MD N.V.S. Reddy.

Even the frequency of the trains had to be reduced to 3.5 minutes in the evening hours between 5 p.m. and 7 p.m. on Corridor One due to heavy rush as against the usual frequency of seven minutes during peak hours in



Footfall at metro stations has seen an increase after Corridor One (L.B. Nagar-Miyapur) became operational. •NAGARA GOPAL

morning and evening. "Passenger traffic in metro trains is increasing every day. Running trains on a shorter frequency will be continued from tomorrow during morning and evening peak hours, depending on rush, on Miyapur-L.B. Nagar corridor to begin with," he said.

L&TMRH has 57 three coach trains, of which 19 are being run on Corridor One and 16 trains on Corridor Three where it is between

Nagole and Ameerpet now.

Mr. Reddy said it was gratifying that senior citizens and women are travelling in groups to have metro travel experience. One such group led by former High Court judge A. Hanumanth Rao and other senior citizens, including retired engineers and professors, expressed gratitude in their feedback for being able to travel with "freedom in the metro rail together".