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KCR invites Modi to inaugurate Rs 15,000-cr urban elevated mass rapid transit system



SET TO ROLL: Phase 1 of the HMR will run on a 30-kilometre stretch between Nagole and Miyapur. — Photo: Hrudayanand

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The long awaited Hyderabad Metro Rail (HMR), expected to be one of the most technologically advanced public transport systems in the country and one that will change the face of the city, will be inaugurated on November 28.

Chief Minister K Chandrashekhar Rao on Thursday invited Prime Minister Narendra Modi to inaugurate the urban elevated mass rapid transit system that was taken up at a cost of Rs 15,000 crore in public-private-partnership (PPP) mode for the first time in the country.

Prime Minister Modi has

already agreed to inaugurate the Global Entrepreneurship Summit slated to be held in Hyderabad from November 28 to 31. In a letter sent to the PM, the Chief Minister said: "As you have also kindly agreed to inaugurate the Global Entrepreneurship Summit being held in Hyderabad during November 28-31, Hyderabad

Metro Rail inauguration can also be scheduled during the same visit."

Phase 1 of the Hyderabad Metro Rail to be inaugurated will run on a 30-kilometre stretch between Nagole and Miyapur. The road stretch is one of the most congested arterial roads of Hyderabad.

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The HMR project has two other corridors, JBS to Falaknuma and Nagole to Shilparamam, and on completion will operate on a 72 km-stretch on these three corridors, which are being constructed by L&T. The Miyapur to Ameerpet stretch of 13 km and Ameerpet to Nagole stretch of 17 km are the ones slated for immediate launch.

The Metro Rail project, taken up to ease the increasing pressure on the city's public transport system, is expected to be more than just another mode of transport. The city, already the fastest emerging hub for IT/ITeS, Biotech, Pharma and tourism sectors, is aiming for a global city status, and a fast, eco-friendly and high capacity rail system is to accelerate this transformation.