

LB Nagar to Ameerpet Metro to kickoff on Sept 24

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IN what may come as good news to Hyderabadis, Municipal Administration and Urban Development minister KT Rama Rao on Wednesday announced that the 16-km long Ameerpet-LB Nagar stretch of the Hyderabad Metro would be inaugurated on September 24.

The new stretch will connect the suburbs of Ameerpet, Khari-

tabad, Nampally, Malakpet and Dilsukhnagar.

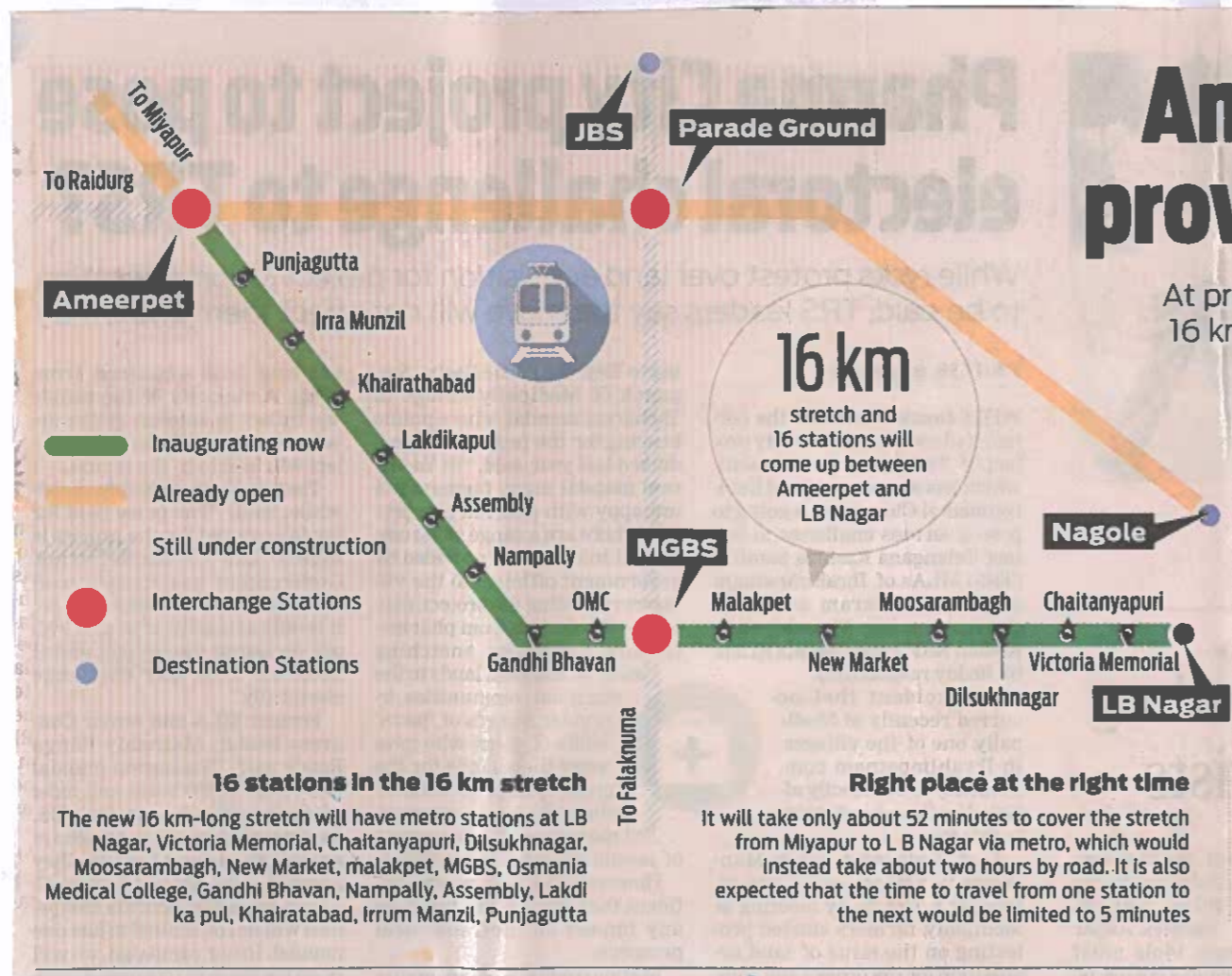
Rao, along with Telangana chief secretary SK Joshi, MA&UD secretary Arvind Kumar, L&T Metro Rail managing director NVS Reddy and the firm's managing director and CEO KVB Reddy called on Governor ESL Narasimhan at Raj Bhavan on Wednesday to invite him to inaugurate the new stretch. Soon afterwards, Rao

tweeted: "Happy to announce that Hon'ble Governor Sri ESL Narasimhan Garu has consented to flag off the Ameerpet-LB Nagar metro line on 24th Sep at 12:15pm"

The Ameerpet-LB Nagar stretch is known to have heavy vehicular traffic, hence the launch of Metro Rail in this section is likely to come as a relief to citizens. With the inauguration of this 16-km long stretch, the first

corridor of the Metro Rail (Miyapur-LB Nagar) will be completed. As of now, nearly 30-km of the network is operational (Miyapur-Ameerpet and Ameerpet-Nagole). With the new stretch, this length will be increased to 46 km, making it the second largest network in the country next only to the one in Delhi.

It may be recalled that the first phases were inaugurated by Prime Minister Narendra Modi on November 28, 2017. **P3**



Ameerpet-L B Nagar metro rail to provide major relief to commuters

At present, 30 kms of Hyderabad Metro Rail is operational. With the new addition of 16 kms, Hyderabad metro will become the second largest in India, next only to Delhi

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THE news of commencement of operations on Metro stretch from Ameerpet to L B Nagar, one of the busiest routes in the city, has come as a major relief to the commuters in Hyderabad.

The entire Corridor-I between Miyapur and L B Nagar covering 29 kms, across 27 stations will fully become operational from September 24.

Governor ESL Narasimhan is scheduled to flag off the train at Ameerpet station at 12 noon on Monday.

There is an increasing trend in ridership and patronage by the citizens of Hyderabad. Recently, around two crore passengers travelled in Metro System since the operations began, indicating that Hyderabad Metro Rail is set to become city's transportation

lifeline for Hyderabadis.

Metro services are already in place in Miyapur-Ameerpet and Ameerpet-Nagole sectors covering 30 km. With the inauguration of the Ameerpet to L B Nagar, the total distance covered by Hyderabad Metro Rail will be 46 kms, making it the second largest in India behind Delhi Metro Rail.

The entire 29 km of Corridor-I from Miyapur to L B Nagar will be made operational a couple of hours after the flag off by Governor. Travelling on Ameerpet-L B Nagar this route has become a nightmare for the motorists as the stretch is jammed with traffic from morning to night. Once the Metro route is opened, it would help in easing the traffic congestion to a large extent and bring relief to the people. Of the 29 km between Miyapur and L

B Nagar of Corridor-1, about 13 km stretch was opened by Prime Minister Narendra Modi in November last year from Miyapur to Ameerpet, while Ameerpet to Nagole of Corridor-III (Nagole-Raidurg, 28 km; 24 stations).

All the works, testing and commissioning activities on the Ameerpet to L B Nagar section covering 16 km and 15 metro stations has been completed. Trial runs are also in full swing and Commissioner of Metro Railway Safety (CMRS) gave safety certification and green signal for commercial operations. Independent Safety Assessor has done safety assessment of Signalling System. Officials are confident that after the Ameerpet-LB Nagar line becomes operational, public will choose this comfortable, safe and environment friendly mode of transport to their advantage.

