

L B Nagar Metro stretch to open on September 24

The much-awaited 16 km Metro Rail stretch between Ameerpet and L B Nagar will be thrown open to the public on September 24. Governor ESL Narasimhan will flag off the Metro Rail at Ameerpet at 12.15pm.

On September 24, Metro services on this corridor will be opened for commercial operations about two hours after the governor inaugurates it. Sources said the chief minister is likely to take part in the inauguration. P3

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Hyderabad: The much-awaited 16-km Metro Rail stretch between Ameerpet and LB Nagar will finally be thrown open to the public on September 24, making Corridor 1 (LB Nagar-Miyapur) of the Hyderabad Metro fully operational. With this inauguration, 46km out of the proposed 72km Hyderabad Metro Rail will become operational, making the city's Metro the longest in the country after Delhi Metro.

The opening of this stretch will be flagged off by Governor ESL Narasimhan at Ameerpet at 12.15pm on Monday and services will be opened up for the public about two hours after the inauguration. Initially, the frequency of trains on this stretch will be one every five minutes. The opening of the LB Nagar-Ameerpet stretch will come as a major respite for commuters as it is considered to be one of the most congested stretches in the city. Municipal minister KT Rama Rao, chief secretary SK Joshi, principal secretary of municipal administration Arvind Kumar and Hyderabad Metro Rail Limited managing direc-

KEY 16KM CORRIDOR

CORRIDOR I
Miyapur to LB Nagar
29km

CORRIDOR II
JBS to Falaknuma
15km

CORRIDOR III
Nagole to Shilparamam
28km

Of total 72 km, currently 66 km taken up

Old City alignment MGBS to Falaknuma | 5.5 km (not started)

To be inaugurated: Ameerpet to L B Nagar stretch | 16 km

Project Cost **₹14,132cr**

Total Route length across city **72km**



METRO STATIONS BETWEEN AMEERPET AND L B NAGAR: Punjagutta | Erramanzil | Khairatabad | Lakdikapul | Assembly | Nampally | Gandhi Bhavan | OU Medical College | MGBS | Malakpet | New Market | Moosarambagh | Dilsukhnagar | Chaitanyapuri | Victoria Memorial and L B Nagar

NAGOLE TO MIYAPUR STRETCH | 30 km
already opened on November 28, 2017

AMEERPET TO SHILPARAMAM | 8.5 km
will be opened in October

tor NVS Reddy met the governor on Wednesday to invite him for the inauguration and he agreed. Sources said chief minister K Chandrasekhar Rao is likely to take part in the inauguration.

Trial runs on the Ameerpet-LB Nagar stretch are being carried out over the past one month and the Commissioner of Metro Rail Safety (CMRS) gave the safety certification after getting a nod for the safety assessment report of the Communication Based Train System from M/s Halcrow (UK), the independent safety assessor for the signal-

ing system of the Hyderabad Metro. HMRL sources said that with the opening of this Metro stretch, ridership is expected to touch two lakh per day as it will reduce travel time by half. "While road travel from LB Nagar to Miyapur takes about two hours during peak hours and over an hour during non-peak hours, Metro travel will reduce the time to about 52 minutes," said a senior HMRL official.

Of the 72 km across the three Hyderabad Metro rail corridors, the 30 km stretch from Nagole-Ameerpet-Miyapur was inaugurated by

Prime Minister Narendra Modi on November 28, 2017.

Sources said the works for the Ameerpet to Shilparamam (HiTec City) stretch are likely to be completed by October this year and will be opened to the public after safety clearances. The state government has already announced that it will be taking up airport connectivity from various areas such as LB Nagar, Falaknuma, Raidurg and IT corridor in the second phase. The survey and detailed project reports are being prepared by Delhi Metro Rail Corporation (DMRC).