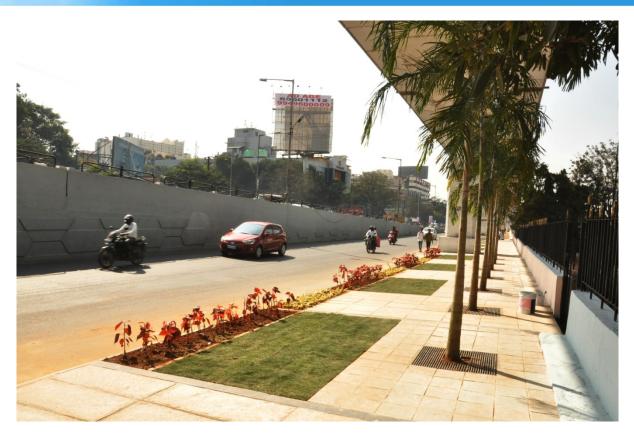


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As a prelude to provision of world class pedestrian facilities at Metro stations and development and beautification of sidewalks (footpaths), central medians etc., Hyderabad Metro Rail Ltd has redesigned and developed a small stretch of about 250 metres of sidewalk/footpath below the Metro viaduct in Parade Grounds area.

A large 2 feet 9 inch dia water pipeline which was running between Marredpally water reservoir and Water Board's control room at Paradise Jn for about 1.4 km was relocated a few months ago from underneath the footpath in this area by HMR to facilitate construction of Metro Rail pillars. This water pipeline was diverted through the by-lanes of Marredpally and Cantonment areas.

The dug up and refilled footpath is now being restored to international standards by HMR in tune with CM Mr.K.Chandrasekhar Rao's vision of making Hyderabad a global city. HMR completely transformed this stretch of the sidewalk/footpath under the Metro viaduct in the last 15 days with planters-cum-seating arrangements, aesthetic and pedestrian friendly walkway facilities, ramps and plantation, complete with gratings around the newly planted palms as a part of Republic Day preparations. With other components of street furniture, hawker facilities, quality public space for citizens to stroll, relax and walk to the nearby Parade Grounds and PG College Metro stations, this area is being developed as a promenade, stated MD, HMR Mr.NVS Reddy. Similar facilities would be created at all the 66 Metro stations and works at Nagole and Uppal Metro stations would be started in the next few days, he added.



Sidewalk (footpath) developed by HMR at Parade grounds



Planter-cum-seating arrangement developed by HMR at Parade grounds



Beautification and pedestrian facilities developed by HMR at Parade grounds



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Entry to Parade grounds as developed by HMR



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