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## **HMR Calendar – A Tale of Two Railways**

In celebration of the 425<sup>th</sup> anniversary of Hyderabad city, HMR has brought out a theme based table calendar for 2016, highlighting two iconic rail projects with a profound impact on the growth of Hyderabad. The table calendar juxtaposes the Nizam Guaranteed State Railway (NGSR) which was started in 1870 and the Hyderabad Metro Rail which is scheduled for part opening this year.

Both NGSR and HMR are bold and path breaking attempts of innovative funding of infrastructural facilities. In an unprecedented way the Nizam built the Nizam State Railway of 1373 km across the length and breadth of his Kingdom entirely from his own private funds, then costing a princely sum of Rs.7 crore which stunned the British empire at that time. In a similar audacious move, HMR is attempting development of an entire urban rail system of 72 km with private investment of upwards of Rs.14,000 crore for the first time in the world in public private partnership mode. Both these projects were initially thought to be not feasible, but their happening made the world sit up and take notice. Both have many other similarities including bringing state of the art technologies to the country, multi-modal integration, environment friendly features, larger aim of economic impetus, etc. etc.

The calendar has some rare pictures of Nizam-era rail engines, iconic Secunderabad, Nampally and Kachiguda railway stations and those of ultra modern metro rail coaches and stations, to mention a few. Each month is given a catchy title like `a tale of two railways`, `grand old ladies and elegant debutantes`, `sprawling rail corridors`, `efficient feeder networks`, `investing for a better future`, `engines of growth` etc.

Elegant and artistic, the HMR calendar has been conceived and designed by MD, HMR Mr.NVS Reddy and an art curator Mr.Kali Konduri.

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The city of Hyderabad was founded by a Royal decree of Muhammad Quli Qutb Shah—the fifth ruler of the Qutb Shahi dynasty—to expressly resemble heaven on earth, complete with the placement of trees to mimic the mythical trees of heaven—*Sider* and *Talh*.

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historic, indeed





history in the making





## The Nizam's Guaranteed State Railway

That the Nizam of Hyderabad built rail service across the state of Hyderabad (and connected to the Great Indian Peninsular Railway) is laudable, what is extraordinary is that the project was entirely financed and owned by the Nizam himself—a feat unprecedented in 1870 or since then. The service later operated under a guarantee from the state of Hyderabad until it was nationalized in 1950 under Indian Railways.

## a tale of two railways



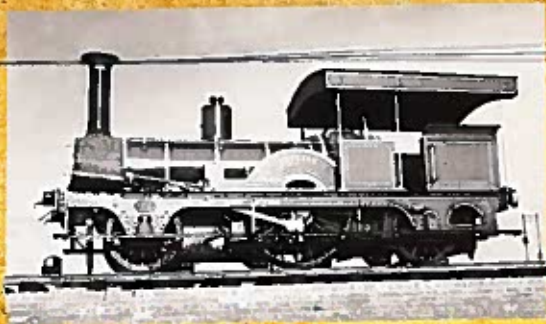
### Hyderabad Metro Rail

A cutting edge elevated mass transit service built to connect the entire city of Hyderabad, HMR was conceptualized and developed not only as an efficient and environment-friendly transport solution, but as an urban redesign initiative.

## JANUARY

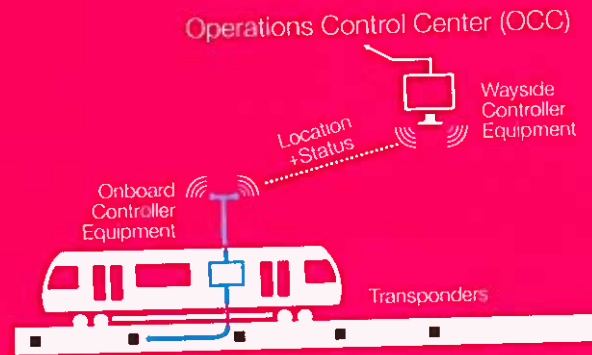
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The Nizam spared no effort or expense in bringing world-class railway technology to Hyderabad. While many believe that the first diesel locomotives to run in India were introduced in 1949 in the arid regions of Gujarat to counter water shortage, diesel railcars—manufactured by Ganz, Romania—were put into service by the Nizam as early as 1939.

# world-class technology in Hyderabad



## APRIL

One of the founding principles of HMR is a firm commitment to utilize advanced technology in all aspects of design, construction and operations. From building the largest pre-fab unit in India to minimize disruption and delays in construction, to introducing—for the very first time in India—CBTC (Communications Based Train Control) signaling technology, HMR has been an early adopter at the forefront of advanced technologies.

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The Secunderabad station, built in 1874, is the corner stone of NGSR. Reminiscent of a fort, the grand structure exudes an elegant yet formidable image. The main portico and the concourse—still standing—were influenced by Asaf Jahi style architecture. Its prominence continues to date as the anchor for South Central Railway. Kachiguda station (right) is another jewel of NGSR.

## grand old ladies and elegant debutantes



HMR operations are anchored at its Uppal Depot. It houses the state-of-the-art operations control center and also serves as the network's terminus point. The network comprises a total of 66 stations in phase I.

## AUGUST

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