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Constructing Metro in India is a big deal unlike in the West, Hyderabad Metro Rail Managing Director NVS Reddy said on Sunday.

Delivering a lecture on Leadership qualities-Achieving goals, NVS Reddy said, "The first thing I would like to tell the youth is that they should never back away from difficulties."

"I have been working in the bureaucracy for over 35 years now and have faced many challenges while working on the Metro Rail project," Reddy added. Explaining one his challenges, he said, "When I first came up with the idea of Metro Rail during YS Rajshankar Reddy's government, he told



me to think about it and come up with a cost-effective plan. Don't have the money to support the project right now," he remarked.

He further said, "We spent Rs 20,000 crore on the Hyderabad Metro and we did it on the Public-Private partnership. However, there were protests at various places in the city. People burnt my effigies saying I would harm the beau-

ty of Hyderabad."

Reddy spoke at the AV College where the World Telugu Samkhya organised Sankranti Sambralu. Presiding over the programme, WTS President Dr VL Indira Dattu said, "It is our pleasure to conduct Sankranti Sambralu at AV College today."

Dattu further said, "When it's time for Sankranti, we begin the celebration a week in

advance. We decorate the house with different kinds of colours and Rangoli. Among all Telugu festivals, Sankranti is a major festival. It is also called the big festival."

"In the two Telugu states, Sankranti is very significant for the people. Coming in the pre-winter season, it is a three-day festival. On the first day, we observe Bhogi, Sankranti on the second day and Kanuma on the third day," she added.

"On the day of kanuma, people make Rangolis in front of their houses, on Bhogi they wear new clothes. Priests sing songs and pay door-to-door visits, and melas are organized," Dattu added. She further described other rituals that are conducted during Sankranti.