

A NEW CARD FOR SEAMLESS TRAVEL NAVIGATING HYDERABAD WITH EASE

Transit in Hyderabad is set to get easy with the introduction of National Common Mobility Card, which will be accepted at 57 Metro stations. **Donita Jose** speaks to L&T & HMRL officials, to uncover the core features of the card and the project

TIMELINE

- NCMC project by L&T set to start in about a month
- Card reader installations nearly done, testing ongoing
- Launch date to be determined within couple of weeks

INTEGRATION CHALLENGES

- Integration with TSRTC and MMTS services considered
- Equipment availability not an issue; testing app essential
- Pilot project much needed before it's full implementation

WHY THE CARD

90% Metro station fare gates equipped with NCMC card readers

● NCMC readers different from basic Metro card readers

● L&T Metro selects PAYTM bank as partner bank for transactions

● NCM card works for TSRTC, MMTS, cabs integrated with NCMC

● Existing Metro cards still operational, but will phase out gradually



WHERE TO PURCHASE

● NCM cards can be purchased at Metro stations or via PAYTM app

● PAYTM + L&T combo card purchases at stations offer seasonal features

● PAYTM & L&T + PAYTM cards usable in NCMC stations across India



The prospect of interoperability and cashless transactions brings undeniable advantages. If NCMC is extended to MMTS, the seamless experience will be a game-changer. Insights from friends in Mumbai highlight the convenience of such systems — **Pavan Thimmavajjala** | URBAN RESEARCHER



Installation of new NCM card reader machines in final stage. Launch date will be decided in a couple of weeks — **NVS Reddy** |

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