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TUTEM to enhance safety in public transportation

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Hyderabad: A project aimed at enhancing the security and safety of daily commuters in public transportation through the intervention of technologies kicked off on Monday at BITS Pilani, Hyderabad with an inception workshop.

The project titled "Technologies for Urban Transit to Enhance Mobility & Safe Accessibility" (TUTEM) is being co-developed by IIT Bombay, BITS Pilani Hyderabad Campus, IIT Kharagpur and LocationMind, Japan.

According to officials, the research team bagged funding for the project after participating in a competition of similar entries from across the globe. They then won the Asian Development Bank's grant of \$4,00,000 (₹3.3 crore) to develop, test and implement the project in the public transport



systems of Hyderabad, so that the same can be replicated in other cities. The primary aim of this project is to enhance last-mile security and safety of transit passengers using technology, especially for women and senior citizens.

Hyderabad Metro Rail managing director NVS Reddy lauded the project. "Technology is not an end in itself but a tool to solve the socio-economic problems of ordinary people. I wish the team to come up with implementable solutions," said Reddy.

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