

'CM okays Metro phase-II'

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Hyderabad Metro Rail Managing Director NVS Reddy, who unfurled the Tricolour during Republic Day celebrations at Metro Rail Bhavan, said Chief Minister A Revanth Reddy has approved phase - II expansion of Hyderabad Metro Rail proposals of 70 km length including airport connectivity.

Reddy said the metro phase-II proposals ensure metro rail services to all sections of society in Hyderabad, and would play an important role in the emergence of the city as an attractive global destination for investments. Traffic surveys and preparation of DPRs for the phase-II corridors are going on at a brisk pace, he added.

'Fixed term needed'

Meanwhile, NVS Reddy addressed challenges in the Public-Private-Partnership mode during Confederation of Indian Industry's Infrastructure and Real Estate Summit. He highlighted need for government officials overseeing PPP projects to have a fixed term of office. Reddy emphasised difficulties faced by private firms in comparison to government-handled projects, citing issues during the chopping of 600 trees in HMR Phase-1, where 2,350 trees were planted elsewhere.