

Hyderabad Metro, now a case study at Stanford varsity

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Hyderabad: The success story of the Hyderabad Metro Rail project has been showcased as a case study by Stanford University, renowned worldwide for its academic excellence. The comprehensive study conducted by a team from the Indian School of Business (ISB), led by Professor Ram Nidumolu, has earned a spot in the Spring 2024 edition of the Stanford Social Innovation Review (SSIR).

The SSIR, a quarterly journal highlighting impactful and groundbreaking projects, leadership styles, and innovative solutions to global challenges, selected the Hyderabad Metro Rail case study from among various similar endeavours.

Recognising the Hyderabad Metro Rail, the study introduces a new concept of stakeholder management. It suggests that management practitioners can draw valuable lessons from the Hyderabad Metro experience on building large-scale public-purpose infrastructure projects using private sector capital and resources, with deep engagement of all stakeholders,



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including the media, for the broader social good. It also delves into the leadership and team building skills demonstrated by HMRL managing director, NVS Reddy, and his team in navigating sensitive issues such as setbacks, protests, opposition from socio-religious groups and political parties, maytas failure, agitations, legal disputes, and other various challenges.

The case study concludes with a forward-looking perspective, stating that “as Hyderabad continues to grow, the metro rail will play a vital role in shaping its future. It hails the project as an enduring example of democratic leadership that aspired for a significant impact on the common good”.