Works on 15-floor MLP enter last lap

Trial runs on the facility expected to start next month

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The fully automated 15-floor Multi Level Car Parking (MLP) near Nampally metro station, which is being developed by Hyderabad Metro Rail Limited (HMRL) is nearing completion and trial runs are expected to start next month.

The much-needed multi-level car parking has come up on half-an-acre of HMRL land with 10 parking floors and 5 commercial floors. "The project suffered delays due to Covid impact, debt financing problems, global supply chain disruptions, etc. All the imported materials have now arrived and are being fixed as a jigsaw puzzle by experts," HMRL, MD, NVS Reddy, during a visit to the facility on Sunday, said.

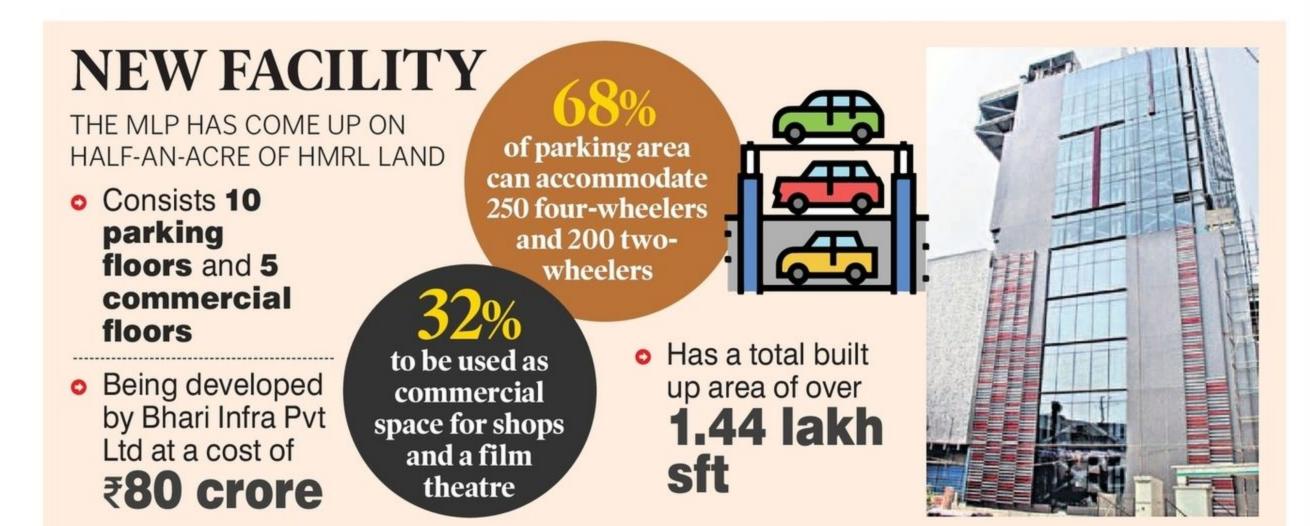
The MLP complex, being developed by Bhari Infra Pvt Ltd at a cost of about Rs 80 crore with a concession period of 50 years on the PPP model, is the first of its kind in India with a German Palis parking system.

Out of the total built up area of about 1,44,400 sft., 68 per cent is kept for parking about 250 four-wheelers and 200 two-wheelers while the remaining 32 per cent is used as commercial space for shops and a film theatre with two screens.

On the ground floor of the complex there are four 'In or Out' (I/O) Terminals fitted with turn tables. The driver of a vehicle can simply leave the car on the turn table of



HMRL Managing Director NVS Reddy inspecting the MLP complex at Nampally on Sunday.



the designated I/O Terminal. As a vehicle enters the MLP, the user/driver will be given a smart card, while regular users will be issued permanent RFID cards.

NVS Reddy indicated that the turn table is big enough for any vehicle to be conveniently left on it, unlike the existing few other automated parking complexes in Delhi, and Mumbai. Based on the vehicle's dimensions, the computerised parking system will automatically classify the vehicle either as an SUV or a Sedan and a transporter shuttle will take the vehicle through a lift to the allocated spot on the designated floor and park it there.

To retrieve the parked vehicle, the driver pays the parking fee and shows the parking ticket to the card reader, after which a transporter -shuttle brings the car back automatically. The vehicle is always delivered in such a way that no reversal is required for driving out. Being a highly sophisticated and efficient parking system, the time taken for parking is less than a minute and retrieval will take just 2 minutes.