

Old City Metro Rail work gains pace

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The land acquisition for the Old City Metro project in Hyderabad has gained momentum. The 7.5-kilometre metro route between MGBS and Chandrayangutta is expected to transform the area, with over 1,100 properties identified for acquisition.

Hyderabad Airport Metro Limited Managing Director N.V.S. Reddy said that requisitions for 900 properties have already been submitted to the District Collector under



GHMC staff collect details of properties to be acquired for the Old City Metro project in Hyderabad. — DC

the Land Acquisition Act. Preliminary notifications have been issued for 800

properties, with declarations completed for 400 of them.

Compensation awards for 200 affected properties are expected to be finalised by the end of December, after which payouts will begin, and demolition work will follow.

N.V.S. Reddy assured that religious and historical structures along the route will be preserved using advanced engineering solutions, and said that they are already running negotiations with property owners to ensure smooth progress.

The project aims to modernise the Old City by boosting employment

opportunities and bringing development and better connectivity to the area.

“The arrival of the Metro Rail will make the Old City of Hyderabad a vibrant and attractive destination,” he went on to explain.

The land acquisition process is monitored both by the Hyderabad Airport Metro Limited and Hyderabad District Collector Anudeep Durisetty, and regular updates are being provided to Chief Minister A. Revanth Reddy.