

# Metro Rail key to make Hyd a world-class city

■ Expansion works are in full swing in Old City ■ Compensation paid to 170 people

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In line with Chief Minister A Revanth Reddy's vision of making Hyderabad a world-class city, Hyderabad Airport Metro Limited Managing Director NVS Reddy has announced the Metro Rail expansion project, aiming to increase the current network from 69 kilometers to over 200 kilometers.

Speaking at an event where electric two-wheelers and cabs for 'First and Last Mile Connectivity' were launched by EVZIP, NVS Reddy emphasised the pivotal role of Metro Rail in the city's transformation.

The Metro expansion is already in progress, with significant work underway in the Old City. The stretch from MGBS to Chandrayangutta is seeing rapid development. NVS Reddy revealed that Rs 80 crore in compensation has been paid to 170 property owners, and another Rs 80 crore will be disbursed soon



Electric two-wheelers and cabs for 'First and Last Mile Connectivity' being launched by Hyderabad Airport Metro Limited Managing Director NVS Reddy

after the scrutiny of ownership documents. Of the 1,100 properties affected by the project, 270 owners have voluntarily offered

their properties for demolition to facilitate Metro Rail construction. During the event, NVS Reddy, along with L&T Metro Rail MD

KVB Reddy, flagged off new electric two-wheelers and cabs introduced by EVZIP as part of their connectivity program.

Highlighting the importance of these services, NVS Reddy said that approximately 5 lakh people use the Metro daily, with 1.25 lakh passengers relying on first and last-mile connectivity services provided by nine companies, including EVZIP.

For the first time, EVZIP has introduced women-driven two-wheeler electric vehicles under the initiative 'EV Zip Esha.' Around 100 such vehicles have been deployed from Parade Grounds and Secunderabad East Metro stations to areas like Malkajgiri, Sainikpuri, and ECIL. Plans are in place to extend this service to other stations soon.

Senior officials from L&T Metro Rail, including Murli Varadarajan and Rishi Verma, along with Keolis Metro MD SC Mishra, and EVZIP founders Sridhar Sivalenka and Seetharam Cherukupally, attended the event, underscoring the collaborative effort toward Hyderabad's progress.