Harvard showcases Hyd Metro as global 'PPP success model'

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Hyderabad: The Hyderabad Metro Rail (HMR) project has earned prestigious international recognition, with Harvard University publishing a case study highlighting its achievements. Recognised as one of the world's largest metro rail initiatives under a public-private partnership (PPP) model, HMR's story has been featured in the Harvard Business publishing platform.

The study, titled "Hyderabad Metro – From Concept to Execution: The World's Largest Metro Rail Project under Public-Private Partnership", was authored by professors and researchers from the Indian School of Business (ISB). It explores the project's journey from inception to execution, detailing the numerous challenges it faced and the strategies adopted to overcome them.

According to the study, the project encountered significant hurdles — from initial setbacks and land acquisition issues to public protests, political instability, religious and heritage concerns, and financial constraints. Despite these



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challenges, HMR evolved into a vital urban transportation system and became a globally recognised example of infrastructure development through the PPP model.

The metro project, launched in 2006 to address Hyderabad's growing transportation needs, stands today as a symbol of resilience and innovation. Its selection by Harvard underscores its global relevance and the growing importance of effective PPP models.

Previously, Harvard had published studies on renowned global institutions such as the Indian School of Business (ISB) and Stanford University, and now adds Hyderabad Metro Rail to its list of exemplary case studies.

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