

CS inspects Metro Rail expansion in Old City; Promises fund release

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Telangana Chief Secretary K Ramakrishna Rao, along with Hyderabad Metro Rail MD NVS Reddy, inspected the Metro Rail corridor in the Old City and the route towards Hyderabad Airport on Sunday.

He reviewed the ongoing road-widening work along the 7.5-kilometer corridor from MGBS to Chandrayangutta and expressed satisfaction with the progress in an area neglected for over a decade.

Metro MD NVS Reddy briefed the Chief Secretary on the demolition of affected structures along the corridor.

The CS closely observed the work from Darul Shifa to Shalibanda Junction, where several buildings were being removed. The MD explained that electric, telephone and cable TV lines were being carefully shifted to avoid disruptions.

Despite narrow and congested roads, the demolition was progressing smoothly with minimal public inconvenience. NVS Reddy added that around 105 religious, historical and sensitive structures lie along the route and all precautions are being taken to protect them.

Rear portions of buildings are being dismantled during the day, while road-facing parts are cleared at night. Local residents are being consulted beforehand to ensure cooperation. The CS appreciated the efforts of the Metro team and instructed them to ensure safety and proper debris removal.

He promised quick release of funds to speed up the work.

He also confirmed that the Detailed Project Reports (DPRs) for Phase 2 (Part B) of the Hyderabad Metro - covering JBS-Medchal (24.5



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km), JBS-Shamirpet (22 km) and Shamshabad-Future City (40 km) - are being finalised. These will be reviewed in the upcoming HAML Board meeting and sent to the State

government for approval, followed by submission to the Central government as per Chief Minister A Revanth Reddy's directions.

The CS was accompanied by

Municipal Secretary K Ilambarthi, GHMC Commissioner RV Karnan, HMDA Commissioner Sarfaraz Ahmed, Water Board MD Ashok Reddy, and other officials.

REVIEWS PROGRESS OF KEY INFRA PROJECTS IN HYD

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Chief Secretary of Telangana K Ramakrishna Rao toured Hyderabad on Sunday to inspect the progress of several major infrastructure projects aimed at improving the city's urban development. He directed officials from various departments to ensure that all key projects are completed on schedule and in accordance with approved plans.

During his visit, the Chief Secretary visited the ongoing construction of a Foot Over Bridge (FOB) at Banjara Hills. MAUD Secretary Ilambarthi

informed him that 42 such bridges are currently in various stages of development across the city, with surveys underway to identify additional locations. The FOBs are being constructed to enhance pedestrian safety, streamline traffic, and improve the city's aesthetic appeal through modern design.

The Chief Secretary also reviewed road widening works between MG Bus Station and Chandrayangutta, a project undertaken to support the upcoming Rs 2,741 crore Metro Rail extension into the Old City. Metro Rail MD briefed him on

land acquisition and property handovers already in progress to facilitate the road work.

Additionally, he inspected the restoration and conservation works at Khursheed Jah Devdi near Charminar. Other sites visited included the Moosarambagh Flyover in Amberpet, the Falaknuma Road Over Bridge, and the under-construction Sewage Treatment Plant (STP).

He was accompanied by GHMC Commissioner RV Karnan, HMDA Commissioner Sarfaraz Ahmed, HMWSSB MD Ashok Reddy, and officials from various civic departments.