

HMR to plant 5 lakh saplings this monsoon

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As part of 'Telangana Harithaharam' programme Hyderabad Metro Rail is taking up large scale plantation in its 'Metro Harithaharam' where a total of five lakh plants consisting of one lakh tall avenue plants and four lakh decorative floral and foliage varieties would be planted by HMR during this monsoon.

According to the HMR officials 'Metro Harithaharam' is imaginatively designed to fit into the Urban Redesign initiative of HMR and it will transform the streetscape of the Metro corridors into attractive, pleasant and colourful environs. Tall avenue plants like Raavi, Neem (Vepa), Kanuga, Pogada, Spathodia, Tabubia, Mahogany etc., would be planted along the Metro corridors and in Metro station areas, public places and nearby colonies connecting the Metro areas. Specially chosen ornamental floral and foliage plants like Jatropha, Allamanda, Plumeria, Leucophyllum, Bougainvillea Lantana, Amaranthus, Tecoma etc., would be planted in the central median of the roads under the viaduct, which would give a designer garden look for Hyderabad streets in Metro corridors.

HMR MD N V S Reddy said that these plants, as suggested in the design competition held earlier, have been collected on a large scale from differ-



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ent sources and nurtured in HMR's Hydernagar nursery over the last few months. They would be planted in different patterns and combinations to give beautiful shapes, the MD added.

'Metro Harithaharam' programme would be launched at Uppal Metro station by excise minister T Padma Rao Goud on Saturday afternoon. Uppal station surroundings have been transformed as an exotic destination with designer sidewalks inspired by Pochampally saree design, street furniture, segregation of service lanes from the highway, bus bays, auto bays etc. by HMR, added NVS Reddy.

