

# Theme-based Metro stations to come up

## To be chosen from among 66 stations

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**HYDERABAD:** Hyderabad Metro Rail (HMR) is planning theme-based stations, focussing on women, children, youth and farmers. These theme stations have been chosen from among the 66 stations across the Metro Rail's three corridors. While depots at Miyapur and Uppal will be developed to meet children's needs and entertainment, a women's station will be earmarked behind Sarathi Studios at Madhuranaagar and a youth-centric station will come up at Yousufguda. Besides, farmer-consumer connect stations will be developed at Bharatnagar and near the old Gandhi Hospital as both have adjoining vegetable markets.

### Vegetable godowns

While L&T Metro Rail Hyderabad (L&TMRH) beginning pier work near Bharatnagar rail crossing - where an inter-change station with a skywalk between MMTS and the Metro Rail will come up - HMR authorities have already facilitated the shifting of roadside vegetable vendors to beneath the Sanathnagar flyover. "We have created three godowns underneath the flyover, providing 26,000 sq.ft. of space. We have also shifted the open drain underground," HMR Managing Director N.V.S. Reddy said. Accompanied by Chief Engi-



*HMR chief N.V.S. Reddy briefing the media during an inspection of Metro Rail works at Bharatnagar on Saturday. - PHOTO : K. RAHUL KUMAR*

### STATIONS IN FOCUS

- Children's stations at Miyapur and Uppal
- Women's station at Madhuranaagar
- Youth station at Yousufguda
- Farmer-connect stations at Bharatnagar and near old Gandhi Hospital, both of which will lie adjacent to vegetable markets

neer Mohd. Ziauddin, head of L&TMRH civil works D.V.V.S.K. Chaudhary and other senior officials, Mr. Reddy inspected the ongoing work on the Bharatnagar-Moosapet stretch.

The rail cross over bridge will also begin at Bharatnagar, where the Metro Rail viaduct will fly over ground railway lines - one of only 8

sites where this would happen. "We will have to build a viaduct in a single obligatory span of 65 metres or 200 ft even, no piers in between and allowing trains to be run below," he explained.

With the engineering encountering marshy soil, heavy-duty pile drivers are being issued to drill up to 60 feet to pour concrete before the pier base is laid. About Rs.4 crore have been spent to take the open drain on the Moosapet-Kukatpally stretch underground and on road widening along with shift of poles. "The Miyapur-S.R. Nagar stretch is Stage II of the project and we are scheduled to make it operational by August 15, 2015. Track is being laid on Stage I between Nagole and Mettuguda, and we are expecting safety certification after the trial runs by December-end," Mr. Reddy said.