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# HMR chugs on innovation: NVS

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**HYDERABAD:** Hyderabad Metro Rail (HMR) Managing Director N.V.S. Reddy on Monday said that 90 per cent of the project structures had been converted to pre-casting method to reduce traffic management problems in congested road stretches.

## Winning streak

Usage of high-end machinery like launching girders, heavy cranes and boom lifts and innovative design solutions helped the HMR authorities in a big way, he noted.

Mr. Reddy said that design

innovations and conversion of project from a simple transportation project to a multipurpose socio-economic project earned it global awards, including the 'The Best Engineering Project of the Year-2013' award in New York and Royal Society for Prevention of Accidents Gold Award for 'Construction safety and occupational health' at Glasgow.

## Emerging trends

Inaugurating a three-day international conference on 'Emerging trends in civil engineering' at VNR Vignana Jyothi Institute of Engineering and Technology, Bachu-

pally, Mr. Reddy exhorted civil engineers to come up with innovative and viable solutions for the challenges being faced by developing countries to balance economic growth and environmental protection.

Dr. D.N Rao, technocrat and Vignana Jyothi Institute general secretary, Prof. V. Ramakrishnan of University of South Dakota, Prof. W.F. Geiger of Germany, Prof. Indubhushan Patnaikuni of Australia, Prof. T.F. Fwa of Singapore, Prof. B. Vijaya Raghavan of Australia and international engineering experts are participating in the conference.