

Hyderabad Metro focus on transit-oriented development



The elevated Hyderabad metro rail project is not just another metro project but will rejuvenate the urban areas and can be described as Transit+, according to N.V.S. Reddy, its Managing Director. The project seeking to decongest three dense corridors with a 72-km elevated rail is now under construction.

Calling his model "Transit +", he explained as to how the Metro Rail is getting integrated with main rail stations, bus depots, Multi Modal transport System and its stations and dedicated feeder buses to reduce road

congestion and pollution levels. Setting up of bike stations, designing skywalks and sidewalks, establishing quality public space near Metro stations for promoting family values and providing recreation space for poor people are a part of his social agenda for the Metro project, he explained.

He was speaking at a meeting hosted at the Sate Art Gallery in Madhapur in the IT hub of Hyderabad. Nine highly motivated individuals who are doing extraordinary things with commitment in different spheres shared their passionate pursuits with young IT geeks. Each one of them made a presentation about their roles ranging from para-cycling to midwifery, photography, educating street children and urban redesign. Aditya Mehta, a leg amputee explained as to how he struggled to become a double silver medalist at Asia Para-Cycling and to prove that

no physical disability is a challenge that cannot be overcome. Nayantara Nanda Kumar emotionally described as to how she built "Our Sacred Space" at Secunderabad with completely biodegradable material without use of any cement concrete. Evita Fernandez, founder of Fernandez hospital shared her passion and commitment to reducing women mortality during pregnancy, while Rajeshwari, founder of "Thodu Needa" explained as to how she is breaking social stigma by encouraging marriages/live in relationships among senior citizens to overcome the pain of loneliness. Satyavathi, the first woman loco pilot in AP passionately spoke about women empowerment and her commitment to safe driving of MMTS trains, whereas Srujith, an IIM alumnus informed the audience that educating street children gives him more joy than a cushy corporate job.