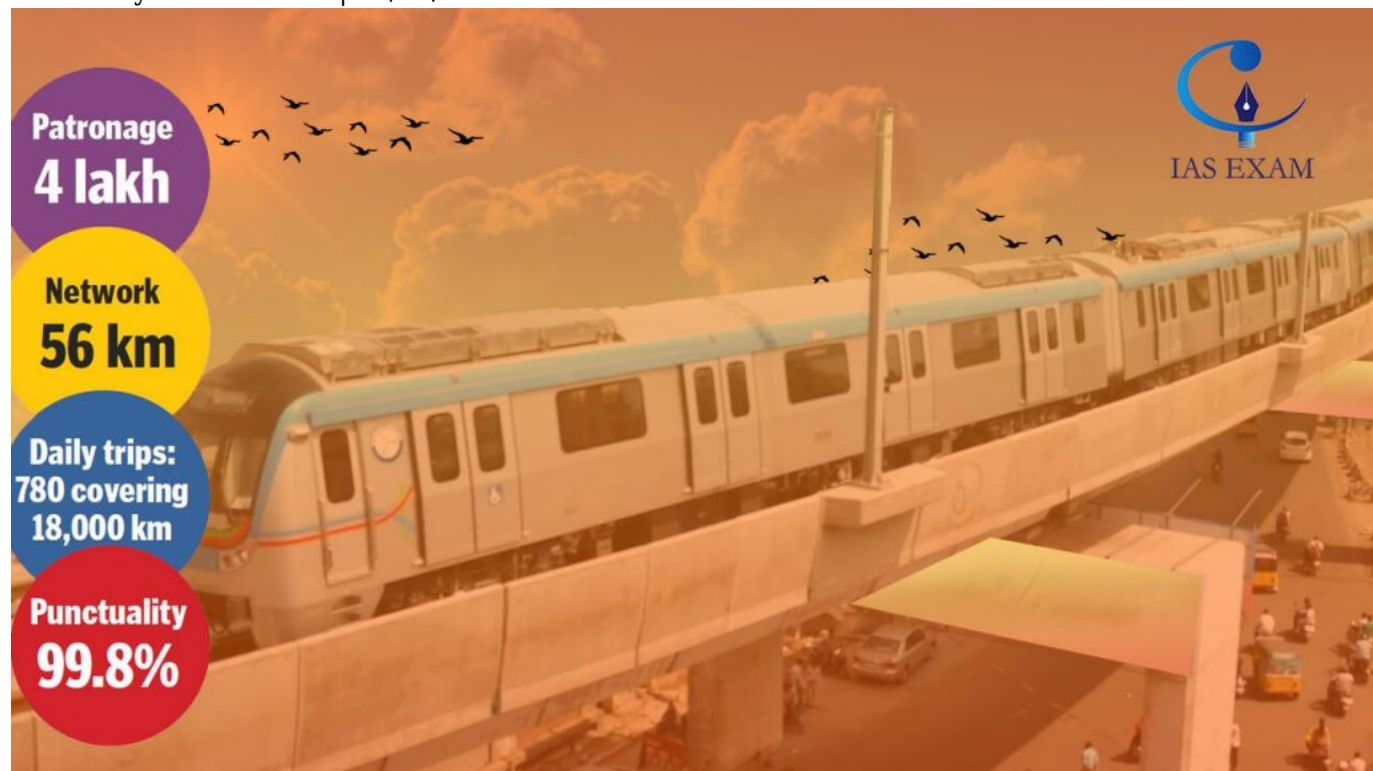


Hyderabad Metro Rail becomes second largest metro network in India

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With the launch of another 11-km stretch on Friday, Hyderabad Metro Rail has become the second largest metro rail network in the country after Delhi. Telangana Chief Minister K. Chandrasekhar Rao flagged off of the metro train on Green Line stretch from Jubilee Bus Station (JBS) to Mahatma Gandhi Bus Station (MGBS), connecting the twin cities of Hyderabad and Secunderabad. The opening of metro service on this stretch will facilitate movement of commuters between two largest and busiest Road Transport Corporation (RTC) bus stations in Telangana. It passes through several important landmarks like Parade Grounds, Musheerabad, RTC Cross Roads and Sultan Bazaar.

Hyderabad Metro Rail, the world's largest public-private partnership project, is now the second largest operational metro network in the country covering 69.2 kms. After inaugurating the stretch, the Chief Minister along with some of his cabinet colleagues and senior officials travelled from JBS to Chikkadpally.

It was on November 28, 2017 that Prime Minister Narendra Modi had inaugurated first section Miyapur-Ameerpet-Nagole. In 2018, second section Ameerpet-L.B. Nagar was opened. Third section Ameerpet-Hitec City (10 km) was thrown open on March 20, 2019. Another 1.5 km stretch from Hitec City to Raidurg was commissioned in November last year. Hyderabad Metro is already

carrying more than four lakh passengers with 780 trips every day.

Barring MGBS-Falaknuma, the entire project has now been completed. The 73-km elevated metro is the biggest metro project in the world in Public Private Partnership (PPP) mode at a total cost of ₹20,000 crore.

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