

## CITY GOT A ₹43 CRORE FACELIFT FOR GES

The entrepreneurship summit is off to a big bang start today; here's what is to be expected from the high-profile summit...



Roads leading to Falaknuma Palace lighted for the arrival of Ivanka Trump in Hyderabad on Monday | SAVYANTAN GHOSH

### Ivanka to take part in two panel discussions

Ivanka Trump will take part in two panel discussions. One called 'Be the Change: Women's Entrepreneurial Leadership'. The other titled 'We can do it! Innovations in workforce development and skills training' which will be moderated by IT minister KT Rama Rao.

### What does GES mean to Telangana?

What is in the offing for Telangana by hosting the GES? Will investments pour in? A question asked by many had a simple answer by Amitabh Kant and others who said that GES is not for singing of MoUs or for attracting investments. "It's a platform for investors and young entrepreneurs to exchange ideas."

### Govt to use blockchain tech to purify land records

The government plans to embrace blockchain technology to purify land records in the State. It has already invited Request For Proposal (RFP) from companies. Blockchain is a decentralized and distributed digital ledger that is used to record transactions across many computers so that the record cannot be altered retroactively.

### 52.5% GES delegates are women

Of the 1,500 delegates, 52.5 per cent are women. More than 10 countries will be represented by an all-women delegation, including Afghanistan, Saudi Arabia and Israel. The youngest entrepreneur is 13 years and the oldest entrepreneur to attend would be 84 years old.

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THE Greater Hyderabad Municipal Corporation (GHMC) has so far spent nearly ₹43.50 crore on various developmental works in the last one month.

However, the money was not spent on addressing civic woes, but on beautification ahead of the GES summit.

A total of 94 works were taken up for the GES at a cost of ₹43.44 crore which includes laying of BT roads (₹26.98 crore for 40 works), footpaths (₹12.22 crore for 30 works), lane marking (₹3.14 crore for 17 works) and other works like road cutting restoration, table drains, CC patches (₹1.10 crore for seven works). As the city faced an extended monsoon, the works could be started only on Oct 27.

The initial sanctions were given for 100 works costing ₹45.64 crore of which six, costing ₹2.20 crore were cancelled.

As many as 105 km of BT roads were laid which include South Zone (11.25 km), West Zone (59 km) and Central zone (35.30 km). Similarly, footpaths were laid in the South, West, and Central zones. The total works completed so far stands at 95 percent and the balance

works of lane marking and paintings will be completed by Monday night.

The civic body took a lot of aesthetic measures like encouraging local artists to showcase their talent on roads. The painting material was procured under CSR initiative and the artists did not charge for their services.

These works could be completed as strict tender conditions were kept with very tough time lines for completion of these works as there was hardly less than one month for completion of all the works as some of them are sequential. Strict qualification criteria was followed.

### Teen tech star steals the Road to GES show

Fifteen-year-old Saad Nasser is not any other teenager. The co-founder of ATI Motors, a Bengaluru based all-electric autonomous cargo vehicle start-up, Nasser is the youngest panellist on the Road to GES, Nasser is a school dropout. A self-taught data scientist, Saad is part of a 25 member team that is creating solutions for cargo movement in factories through his three-wheel electric vehicle. "The vehicle we are creating has two front wheels and one back wheel that helps it to have a near to zero degrees turning radius which adds to its important strength of manoeuvring in a congested factory space," he says. In fact, the government should try our product, he suggests.

## Hyderabad sisters to share stage with international entrepreneurs

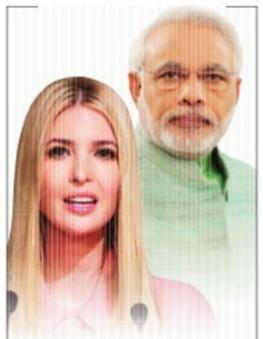
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THE increasing internet accessibility today hints towards a digital shift that the industries and business houses will make sooner or later.

Offering these services and currently dealing with over 50 clients across India and the US are sister-duo Sneha and Sahitya Raj from the city, who have been selected to be a part of the GES.

The duo shared that this is one great opportunity for them to look out for collaborations. "We are looking forward to this opportunity so that we can interact with delegates from across 160 countries," said Sneha, the older of the siblings. A graduate from the North Carolina State University in US, Sneha's learning began several years ago while working with a startup which had graduates from MIT and Harvard.

"It was a learning process and we follow the same in our own organisation now. We do not hire experts but those we can mentor," shared Sneha. The two have been part of a number of workshops where they met successful women entrepreneurs from India and the US. In February the duo participated in a three-day workshop, All India Road Show on Women's Economic Empowerment through Entrepreneurship.



### IVANKA TRUMP'S PLANS IN HYDERABAD

November 28, Tuesday

3am: Arrival at Rajiv Gandhi International Airport

4am: Arrival at Trident Hotel

3pm: Arrival at HICC, followed by meeting with Minister for External affairs, Sushma Swaraj

3.55pm: Call on Prime Minister Narendra Modi

4pm-5.50pm: GES plenary session and participation in

6pm: Return to Trident Hotel

8pm: Arrival at Taj Falaknuma, followed by cultural shows and dinner hosted by PM Modi

10.45pm: Return to Trident Hotel

November 29, Wednesday

Breakfast with US delegates at Trident Hotel in the morning

10am: Arrival at HICC followed by interaction with women entrepreneurs, tour exhibition room and networking stations and lunch at Trident

5.35pm: Leaves from Trident Hotel

8.20pm: Arrival at RGIA

9.20pm: Flying to Dubai

### Hope Ivanka comes often, Cong pricks govt

Congress Party hoped that the US president's daughter Ivanka Trump would visit Hyderabad city often, at least once in two to three months, so that the city's roads will be repaired in time and footpaths will be kept free of vendors and encroachments.

Party leader Mohammed Ali Shabbir on Monday said that the State government had suddenly woken up and unleashed sporadic city cleaning and beautification measures because US dignitary Ivanka Trump is visiting the city. "The government that was unmoved by citizens' woes after floods and rains have made huge preparations for just for 36 hours of Ivanka Trump's visit," he said.

### Fired techies start online stir against Ivanka's visit

Groups of retrenched techies from IT corridor of Hyderabad started an online campaign protesting the arrival of Ivanka Trump for the GES. They have blamed Trump's America First policy for their protest, saying the American President is harming the Indian outsourcing industry. "I do not understand why the State government is going crazy for a multi-national company expanding to Hyderabad, even if it is a warehouse. They are not tech jobs, but jobs which require less cognitive skills," observed Praveen Chandrababu, a techie and member of ForIT.

## AFTER 10 YEARS IN YARD, METRO WILL CHUG TODAY

The transportation system's success has been in the works for quite a while, but initial signals say it might have been worth the wait...



A view of the Nagole Metro Rail station | VINAY MADAPU

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AFTER a decade-long wait, the Hyderabad Metro Rail is set to become a reality today. Prime Minister Narendra Modi will inaugurate the 30-km stretch between Nagole and Miyapur. The service will be open for general public from Wednesday, plying from 6 am to 10 pm.

As Express had reported, the project overcame several hurdles in the process. This includes land acquisition, route alignment and default of contract by previous consortium of private partners led by Maytas Infra. Ameerpet station, where interchange of corridors happen, has been built to be the jewel in the crown. The station measures 142 mts long and 40 m wide. It will house retail outlets, entertainment

zones and convenience centres. There will be an unpaid concourse level for pedestrians to cross lanes without interrupting traffic. The station has entry and exit points on all four sides. Intermediate floors have been created between the slabs to accommodate technical services. Eight lifts, 16 escalators and sufficient number of staircases have been provided.

Beyond all this, what makes the city Metro different is the way the stations have been designed. They are completely open. They are not supported from bottom, but are cantilevered. The process utilises much less land. Like any other efficient transportation system, the Metro will try to be a hub that integrates other modes of commute like buses, auto-rickshaws and bicycles to ensure last mile connectivity.

### The Baahubali Challenge

A major challenge faced during construction of rail system was placing of the mammoth Oliphanta Metro ROB weighing about 1100 tons in its designated spot near Secunderabad railway station. Two tall metro pillars with a length of 272 feet accommodated the massive steel box structure on their pier caps with great effort

## She Teams to be on Metro job soon

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SHE Teams will also be deployed very soon to monitor the safety of women in travel. As per the requirement and flow of commuters, they will be monitoring the 26 stations on the Miyapur-Nagole stretch. Apart from private security guards and a centralised police unit, which will be set up to monitor any untoward crimes in the train stations and the trains, these special teams will be deployed at all stations. Swathi Lakra, Additional Commissioner of Police, Crimes stated that they will be consulting with Metro Rail officials and teams will be dedicated depending on the requirement.



Officials decorate Miyapur Metro station ahead of the inaugural function | R SATISH BABU

### All party rally to raise demand for metro in Old City held, 3 detained



Representatives from various political parties came together to form a Joint Action Committee to intensify the demand for extension of Metro to the Old City. They took out a rally for the same. Public of Old City along with politicians of TRS, Congress, BJP, TDP, CPI and Welfare Party of India took out a short rally before being detained by police.

## Credit for Metro Rail in Hyderabad should go to Chandrababu Naidu, claims TDP

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DISPUTING with Congress's claim that HMRL project was its brainchild, TDP said that the proposal to construct Metro in Hyderabad to ease traffic congestion in the twin cities was first put forward by the then chief minister of erstwhile Andhra Pradesh, N Chandrababu Naidu, way back in 2003.

"Naidu requested the erstwhile NDA government at the Centre to sanction Metro Rail to Hyderabad in 2003. Because of Naidu's efforts, Hyderabad Multi-Modal Transport System (MMTS) was sanctioned for Hyderabad first and later Metro Rail was approved," party politburo member Ravula Chandrasekhar Reddy said. "Both TDP and TRS are giving false impressions," he added.

Even the Hyderabad International Convention Centre (HICC), a first of its kind state-of-the-art convention facility in the country, was constructed during the TDP regime. Because of the HICC, the government is now able to hold GES in Hyderabad to which Prime Minister Narendra Modi and Ivanka Trump are attending

Ravula Chandrasekhar Reddy, TDP leader

### BRACE UP FOR JAMS

## Schools shut, techies to WFH as traffic snarls expected due to Modi, Ivanka visit

Employees of IT Corridor were given the option of 'work from home' in view of the traffic restrictions imposed on the roads leading to Miyapur and Hitech

### Some schools have also declared holidays to avoid inconvenience to the children

Brace up for traffic snarls as several stretches would be closed completely in Hyderabad and Cyberabad areas

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BRACE up for traffic snarls, particularly if you are travelling on roads leading to the IT Corridor or the Old City in the evening. For next two days, people are advised to either avoid the routes or stay back at home.

With PM and US advisor Ivanka Trump moving around the city, both Hyderabad and Cyberabad police have imposed restrictions on movement of vehicles at cer-

tain stretches. They also conducted convoy rehearsals from Falaknuma Palace, Old City to Rajiv Gandhi International Airport on Monday, keeping in view of the PM and Ivanka Trump's visit on Tuesday. A convoy of over 30 vehicles started from Falaknuma palace to RGIA and also from Hyderabad International Convention Center at Madhapur to Falaknuma palace. The police, along with the Indian and American security agencies, reviewed the convoy movement and studied the possi-

ble traffic gridlocks and also the safety in the route. Several armed personnel including Special Protection Group (SPG) have been posted at Miyapur Metro Rail station and Falaknuma palace under their control in connection with PM Modi's visit. "There are over 40 marriage function halls between Falaknuma and Mailarddevally. Police have asked managements to ensure that public do not come on the roads between 5 pm to 11 pm on 'Tuesday,'" said a source close to police officials.

### TRAFFIC WILL BE DIVERTED ON THE FOLLOWING PLACES/ROUTES

#### From 5 pm to 11 pm

Traffic coming from I S Sadan, DMRL towards Chandrayan Gutta will be diverted at Midhani Junction towards Balapur



Traffic coming from Srisailem Highway (Peelidargha and Barkas) will be diverted at Keshavgiri Post office towards Balapur

Traffic coming from Falakpathar/Jahanuma towards Shamshirgunj T Junction will not be allowed on the main road of Shamshirgunj. It will be diverted towards Gowshala Jhanuma

Traffic coming from Jahanuma and Bibi-ka-chashma will not be allowed towards Falaknuma and will be diverted towards Shamshirgunj to reach their destination.

Road from Engine Bowli to Chandrayangutta crossroad will be blocked and the traffic will be diverted towards nearest bylines