

## TRACKING NAMMA METRO RAIL

### LIFTS AND ESCALATORS

Installation work of escalators have begun at CMBT metro station and Koyambedu. Installation of lifts have also commenced at the administration building of depot. Lift materials have arrived at CMBT metro station for installation. Around 320 escalators and 125 lifts are to be installed at different levels in all 32 metro stations to facilitate easy mobility of all passengers including differently able and senior citizens.

### TRAIN COACHES

A high-level team inspected the trains manufactured by Alstom in Sao Paulo, Brazil. On completion of the remaining static type tests and clearance by CMRL/GC, the train will be shipped to Chennai and is expected to reach Chennai by June 2013. The train is now moved to the testing line in the factory. The pre-validation tests are under progress. Production of rail coaches for the second and third pair is underway.

### PROGRESS IN STATION WORKS

Koyambedu & CMBT: All structural works have been completed. Block works are in progress. Street-level and concourse level rooms have been completed and related work have begun. "On an average, each station will have four lifts and 10 escalators. But it may be higher in major stations including Chennai Central, St Thomas Mount and Alandur," said an official of Chennai Metro Rail Limited.

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First phase of metro rail nears completion with tracks, station buildings in place.



### ADAMBAKKAM

It was in Adambakkam zone that a girder fell recently and hence the work at the site is being carried out with extra caution.



### KOYAMBEDU

On this stretch, total plinth track concreting has been done and supporting works are already over.



### ARUMBAKKAM

One of the metro rail stations at this vantage point reveals the fast pace at which the metro rail work is progressing.



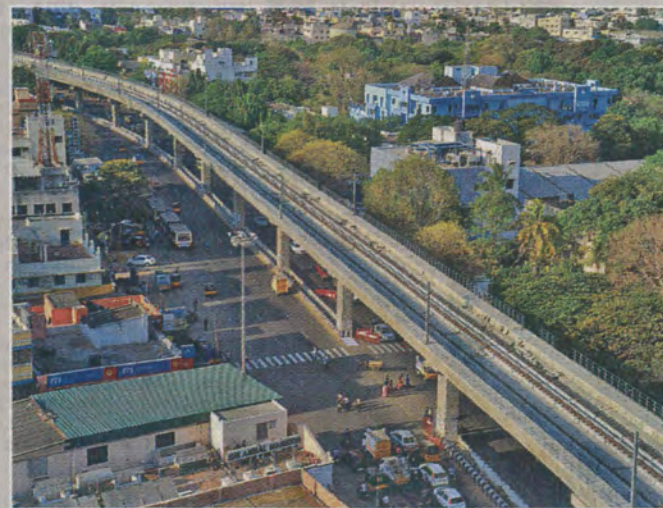
### HALDA

While a stretch of metro rail junction is found completed, the track work is yet to be taken up on Halda-Guindy stretch.



### GUINDY

A scene of metro rail stretch near Kathipara grade separator where track laying have just begun



### AMBAL NAGAR

A bird's eye view of metro rail construction site and the completed track near Ambal Nagar and Kasi theatre.

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