

# Metro tunnelling to begin at two more locations

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**Chennai:** The metro rail will kick-start tunnel boring at May Day Park and Washermenpet on the Washermenpet-Airport corridor, which passes through Anna Salai, by September end or in the first week of October.

Work on the second tunnel at Nehru Park, where one tunnel is being built, will also begin around the same time.

As tunnel boring is progressing at a brisk pace under Poonamallee High road from Nehru Park to Egmore, the Chennai Metro Rail Limited has decided to start work at May Day Park and Washermenpet, where tunnel-boring machines have been lowered. May Day Park is going to be the first non-station location where boring works will be carried out. "The machines have been lowered and engineers have started assembling the components. Boring will begin when all components, including gantries and conveyor to transport soil out of the tunnel, are in place. Engineers have also started assembling boring machine to build the second tunnel at Nehru Park," said a



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senior metro rail official.

Diaphragm wall construction works are in progress at Mannadi, High Court, Chennai Central, Egmore, Government Estate, LIC, Thousand Lights, Gemini, Teynampet, Chammiers Road, Saidapet, KMC, Pachaiyappa's College, Anna Nagar East, Anna Nagar Tower and Thirumangalam, where underground stations are being built.

Tunnelling began in the last week of July and the machine has bored and fixed tunnel walls for about 35 metres so far at Nehru Park. The boring machine also installs concrete rings in the tunnel to prevent it from collapsing. Metro rail is planning to use eleven such machines at different parts of the city. The machines have capacity to bore up to five metres a day.