

# Chennai Metro Rail starts soil tests in Ashok Nagar

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**Chennai:** Chennai Metro Rail works are moving at a brisk pace. The corporation's contractors on Wednesday started a trial pile load test on the soil along the 100 Feet Road at Ashok Nagar on the Koyambedu-St Thomas Mount elevated stretch of Corridor II.

As the elevated corridor is to be constructed along the middle of the median on the 100 Feet Road, an area extending to 5 metres on both sides of the median and to a length of 80 metres has been cordoned off to conduct the test. A senior official said that the test was being conducted as a preliminary step before the actual construction of pillars began.

Similar tests are on at two more locations on the 100 Feet Road — opposite the SAF Games Village at Koyambedu and opposite Hotel Ambica Em-



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Hyderabad-based Soma Enterprises is engaged in the preliminary works to build elevated viaducts from Koyambedu to Ashok Nagar. Chennai Metro Rail will soon float more tenders to identify companies to construct the rest of the elevated portions, including the stretch from Ashok Na-

gar to St Thomas Mount which comes under Corridor II between Chennai Central and St Thomas Mount.

Sources said multiple tenders would be called for the corridor which starts at Chennai Central and passes through EVR Periyar Salai, Vepery, Aminjikarai and Shenoy Nagar, among other localities.