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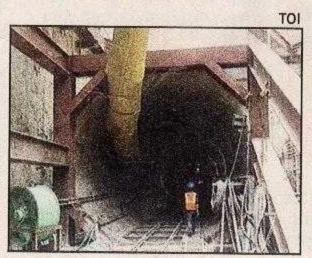
Metro tunnelling to begin at two more locations

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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.

Poonamallee High road from machines have been lowered. May Day Park is going to be the first non-station location ingbuilt. where boring works will be carcomponents. Boring will begin when all components, including gantries and conveyor to



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senior metro rail official.

Diaphragm wall construc-As tunnel boring is pro- tion works are in progress at gressing at a brisk pace under Mannadi, High Court, Chennai Central, Egmore, Government Nehru Park to Egmore, the Estate, LIC, Thousand Lights, Chennai Metro Rail Limited Gemini, Teynampet, Chahas decided to start work at miers Road, Saidapet, KMC, May Day Park and Washer- Pachaiyappa's College, Anna menpet, where tunnel-boring Nagar East, Anna Nagar Tower and Thirumangalam, where underground stations are be-

Tunnelling began in the ried out. "The machines have last week of July and the mabeen lowered and engineers chine has bored and fixed tunhave started assembling the nel walls for about 35 metres so far at Nehru Park. The boring machine also installs concrete rings in the tunnel to prevent it transportsoilout of the tunnel, from collapsing. Metro rail is are in place. Engineers have alplanning to use eleven such maso started assembling boring chines at different parts of the machine to build the second city. The machines have capacitunnel at Nehru Park," said a tytoboreuptofivemetres aday.