

Metro tests Central-Nehru Park line, plans to open route in four months

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SMOOTH CONNECTIVITY: Trains will start running along the entire Corridor-II (Green Line) of Chennai Metro Phase-I Project and will offer connectivity from Central railway station and Egmore railway to Chennai Mofussil Bus Terminus at Koyambedu

port via Alandur.

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at Koyambedu, the intermodal hub Asar Khana at Alandur and the airport. Central metro will also allow commuters to switch between metro rail, MMC at Tiruvallur western suburban line, Beach-Tambaram southern suburban line and Be-

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ach-Velachery MRTS line. Travellers who arrive by express trains will be able to reach Chennai airport faster and vice versa.

Metro rail authorities are planning to open the line for services in coming four months (April-May) after commissioner of metro rail safety conducts a final inspection and trial run, which is well within the deadline. An official said some more finishing work needed to be done at the stations, entry and exits and a few other areas while tunnel, tracks, electrification and signalling work are over

and the trial showed that the line is ready for train services." Trial runs will continue in coming weeks, said officials CMRL has completed work only on the upper level of the hulk of a station from where corridor 2 begins while work is going on at the lower level where Washermanpet-Central-Airport line will wind into the building. Sources said that this portion of the station and the underground line is likely to be opened by end of the year.

Work is being completed in phases as Central metro station is the biggest underground station where two lines converge and also offer interchange to suburban and MRTS lines. However, it will take longer to complete the Central Square project which will include beautification of the area around the Central metro station by adding bus bays, commercial complexes, park benches, landscaping and other work.