

Seamless transport network for city on the cards

Notification of CUMTA Act on Jan. 16 will make integration possible: Governor

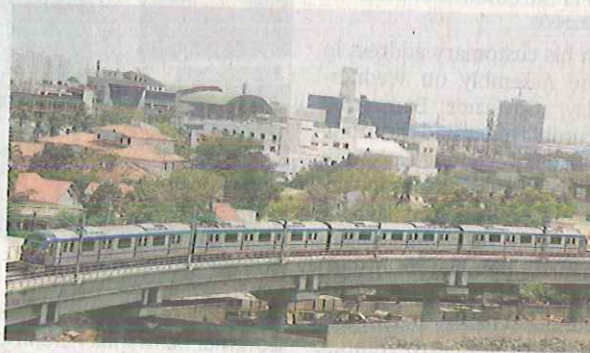
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The Chennai Unified Metropolitan Transport Authority (CUMTA) Act and its relevant rules, which will make the integrated functioning of a multi-modal transportation system a reality, will be notified on January 16.

Governor Banwarilal Purohit made the announcement in the Assembly on Wednesday.

The Governor said the State government had formulated a comprehensive housing project called the Tamil Nadu Housing and Habitat Development Project to transform slums in Chennai, Tiruvallur and Kancheepuram districts with financial assistance from the World Bank.

"A similar project for areas other than the Chennai Metropolitan Area has been posed to the Asian Development Bank for assistance.



Longer run: Extension of Chennai Metro's Phase-I from Washermanpet to Wimco Nagar will be done by June 2020.

The Common Building Rules will also be notified shortly to enhance the ease of doing business in the housing sector," Mr. Purohit said.

The Chennai Metro's Phase - I had already commenced operations, and was expected to be fully commissioned by this month, he said, adding that the Phase-I extension from Washermanpet to Wimco Nagar, at an estimated cost of ₹3,770 crore,

would be ready for inauguration by June 2020, as scheduled.

Close coordination

"I am happy to inform that the Japan International Cooperation Agency has now approved funding [to the tune] of ₹20,196 crore for the priority stretches, totalling 52 km, from Madhavaram to Sholinganallur and Madhavaram to the Chennai

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Mofussil Bus Terminus," he said.

The development of certain major infrastructure projects required close coordination between the Union and the State governments, he said, referring to the Chennai Port-Maduravoyal Elevated Corridor, the Chennai-Bengaluru Industrial Corridor, the Chennai-Kanniyakumari Industrial Corridor and the upgrading of the East Coast Road into a four-lane National Highway.

"I hope that the Government of India will give paramount priority to these projects," he added.