



Prime Minister Narendra Modi inaugurated the last leg of the Chennai metro rail's phase-I through video-conferencing from Tiruppur on Sunday, in the presence of Chief Minister Edappadi K. Palaniswami and Governor Banwarilal Purohit. —DC

# PM launches several development projects

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Tiruchy airport can cater to 3,000 passengers:

The Prime Minister who laid a foundation stone for modernisation of Chennai International Airport, (Phase-II) besides a new integrated terminal building at Tiruchy airport, said Tiruchy airport could cater to about 3,000 passengers during peak hours after completion of a new integrated building. At present, the Tiruchy airport caters to only less than 500 passengers during peak hours, he said.

Referring to all such new initiatives which he inaugurated today including the Chennai Met-

ro rail, Mr. Modi said while addressing a rally in Tiruppur that all such initiatives would go a long way in boosting ease of living for the people of Tamil Nadu. On Tiruppur, he said that the city, which has a strong association with the MSME and unorganised sector, would be quite happy to know that the Centre has come up with the ₹3,000 pension under the Pradhan Mantri Shram Yogi Mandhan Pension Yojana.

Mr. Modi also dedicated BPCL Ennore Coastal installation - state-of-the-art and fully automated oil storage and distribution facilities, with a project cost of ₹393 crore

and a crude oil pipeline from Chennai Port to Chennai Petroleum Corporation Ltd's Manali refinery. The pipeline, built with enhanced safety features, will ensure safe and reliable supply of crude oil and would meet the needs of TN and neighbouring States.

The state-of-the-art ESI hospital will have 100-bed facility and it would cater to the requirement of one-lakh workers and their family members in Tiruppur and surrounding areas covered under the ESI act. The 470-bedded, Chennai, which he also dedicated to the nation, would provide quality treatment on all disciplines of medicine.