PM opens Chennai Metro’s final leg

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Visiting Tamil Nadu as the middle leg of his 3 southern states visit on Sunday, Prime Minister Narendra Modi inaugurated the crucial last leg link of the Chennai metro, from AG-DMS to Washermopet. The state capital gets a complete Metro Phase from Sunday with the airport to Central Station line via Anna Salai.

The Prime Minister also flagged off an EHS hospital in the hostory and weaver town of Tiruppur; besides mega schemes for the State.

The Prime Minister also laid a foundation stone for modernisation of Chennai International Airport; (Phase-II) besides a new integrated terminal building at Tiruchy airport.

More importantly for Chennai commuters, the inauguration of the 8-km stretch of phase-I of Chennai Metro, linking eight underground stations, including the underground transit hub at Central Metro, facilitated true Metro connectivity for the whole city.

Commuters will be charged Rs 10 for the airport to Central ride while currently they can reach most of the stations with ticket fare of Rs 8 including stations like Thousand Lights, AG-DMS, Teynampet and Nandankosam from Central Metro and Airport. Phase-I connects a portion of North Chennai including Washermopet and Mambalam via the High Court.

The PM launched the last leg of the Chennai metro rail Phase-I and declared open six underground metro stations through video-conferencing from Tiruppur in the presence of Chief Minister Edappadi K. Palaniswami, Deputy Chief Minister O. Panneerselvam and Governor Banwarilal Purohit.

For Cong, defence is only about brokering deals: PM

Tiruppur, Feb. 10: Prime Minister Narendra Modi, Sunday attacke the Congress, saying for the opposition party the defence sector was only about brokering deals. Modi’s comments come after party presi dent Rahul Gandhi recently upped the ante on the Rafale row by quoting a media report saying the PMO conducted “parallel” nego tiations on the deal.

“From the time to the stone, the Congress has several scams associated with the defence and in the process the party did not allow the modernisation of defence forces for long years that they were in power,” Modi said.

Addressing a rally at Perumalur about 15 km from here, he said the NDA’s work culture was different from that of the previous gov ernments. Targeting the Congress, he said “those who had got opportunity to rule the nation for years did not bother about India’s defence sector.”

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