



Preparations in full swing for the inauguration of Metro Rail's phase I stretch from DMS to Washermanpet, at Central station in the city on Saturday | **D SAMPATHKUMAR**

Opening of DMS line's last leg to cut metro travel cost

To be thrown open to public from Feb 11, fully functional stretch will reduce the travel distance from Central to airport by 2.6 km

Price revised EXPRESS NEWS SERVICE @Chennai

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ONCE the final leg of phase one stretch, between DMS and Washermanpet, is thrown open to public from February 11, commuting by Metro Rail is set to get faster and cheaper as well.

After trains start running along the pending 9.9 km stretch, people going from Chennai Central to Airport, via Koyambedu hitherto, can reach Airport via Anna Salai instead. Hence, ticket prices have been revised because of which people can travel by Metro from most stations at ₹40 against the present rate of ₹70 via Koyambedu.

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the Metro at Airport and can travel to Ashok Nagar, Guindy, Saidapet, Teynampet and Little Mount at ₹40 and to other stations at a cost of ₹30-₹60.

Similarly, from Central, a ride to areas like Thirumangalam, Anna Nagar and Shenoy Nagar costs ₹40. In short, passengers can travel up to three stations from the time they board at ₹20 and up till four stations at ₹30.

CMRL officials clarified that ticket prices have not been reduced, but merely revised after including the new stretch from DMS to Washermanpet.

"The travel time from Chennai Central to Airport has been reduced from 21 km to 18.4 km. So, passengers will be charged for the shorter route now after the pending stretch is opened on Monday," said an official.

₹40

will be the new charge to go from Central to Thirumangalam, Anna Nagar and Shenoy Nagar