

PM to open final stretch of Metro Rail phase I on Feb. 10

The AG-DMS to Washermanpet line is ready

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Finally, after waiting for years, commuters can travel through the entire 45 km of Chennai Metro Rail network when the 10-km stretch from AG-DMS to Washermanpet opens on February 10.

Prime Minister Narendra Modi and Chief Minister Edappadi K. Palaniswami will inaugurate the final stretch from Tiruppur through video conference.

“Union Minister of State (Independent Charge) for Housing and Urban Affairs Hardeep Singh Puri and Minister for Industries M.C. Sampath are likely to be pre-



sent for the inauguration ceremony at Central Metro Rail station,” a source said.

The construction of Chennai Metro Rail’s phase I project at a cost of ₹14,600 crore

has been on for nearly seven years.

The final 10-km stretch from AG-DMS to Washermanpet is entirely underground and has stations at Washermanpet, Mannady, Madras High Court, Chennai Central, Government Estate, LIC, Thousand Lights and AG-DMS.

The stretch received the final safety approval from the Commissioner of Metro Rail Safety (CMRS) in the last week of January.

Commuters can cover the 21 km distance in about 45 minutes.