

METRO RAIL PLANS SHOPPING MALLS AT
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Chennai: In August 2018, metro rail officials in Delhi were taken by surprise when they saw residents walking out of stations in droves within a few hours after they opened an 8.1km line, also known as 'shoppers' corridor', that linked four major markets including Sarojini Nagar. In less than two years from now, Chennai residents can also shop, grab a bite and hop on a metro train, as Chennai Metro Rail Limited (CMRL) will open shopping malls at Ekkattuthangal and Arumbakkam. These commercial complexes are expected to generate additional revenue for metro



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Officials said the buildings will be constructed on a 17,868sqft land at Arumbakkam and on a 40,558sqft land at Ekkattuthangal. They will be linked to the metro stations nearby through pathways for easy commuting.

"Both buildings will be for commercial developments. The

lower levels will be for retail and the upper level will be office space," an official said. In addition, there will be two basement levels in the building at Ekkattuthangal, and one at Arumbakkam, for parking. The construction of the buildings is expected to be complete in 18 months.

Many stations including transit hubs at Alandur and Central have exclusive space allotted for eateries and other shops.

Initially, metro rail planned commercial complexes at two more locations — Alandur and Ashok Nagar. The plan for Alandur was put on hold as they needed the space for expansion in the phase-2 project, while at Ashok Nagar technical studies are underway to design and build the complex.

Though planned nearly four years ago, officials said obtaining clearances for the construction caused an undue delay in executing the project.