CONNECTING THE GRID: Chennai Metro Rail has started soil tests near Gandhi Statue on Kamarajar Salai in Marina prior to construction of the 26.3km Lighthouse-Poonamallee line. It is part of phase 3 of the project. The test will help determine the soil condition to build lines and stations. Metro Rail is planning to construct 135.9km lines across the city under phase 3. Similar soil tests are underway at T-Nagar, Mylapore, Royapuram and others. The tests are expected to be completed in a year.