

After snatching case, CMRL to install more cams in stns

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Chennai: Two days after a US-based woman was relieved of her gold chain inside Central Metro station, Chennai Metro Rail Limited (CMRL) officials have begun strengthening the security system at the station, installing more cameras to keep an eye on visitors.

Central Metro, the largest underground transit hub at 30,000sqm and at 28m depth, so far has nearly 80 CCTV cameras. Efforts are on to install more cameras in blind spots not covered by the existing ones.

"We are increasing the number to 150 cameras at Central Metro alone. They will be installed in 15 days," said a CMRL official. "The wiring work is being done at present."

Officials have also begun efforts to increase the number of cameras in other newly opened stations between Washermenpet and AG-DMS. The stations are designed to have nearly 70 dome cameras at various locations. A total of 200 cameras will be installed in



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BOOSTING SECURITY: A man robbed a woman of her gold chain at Central Metro station's ticket counter on Monday

these stations, officials said.

In addition, all stations are to have armed personnel at the entrances. But commuters complained that several stations such as LIC and Thousand Lights do not have security personnel at entry points and added that there were quite a few spots which do not have cameras nor are they covered by cameras nearby. Officials said more security personnel will be deployed across all stations to ensure passenger safety.

Around 10:30pm on Mon-

day, a man robbed a 65-year-old woman of her 6.5 sovereign gold chain. The victim and her husband arrived by the Shatabdi Express and reached the metro station to board a train to Vadapalani. When her husband was at the ticket counter, a man, who had followed her into the station, snatched the chain and escaped.

The Periamet police, who registered a complaint lodged by the couple, said the CCTV cameras in the area did not capture a proper image of the snatcher.