## Free Wi-Fi services in Metro Rail

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FROM November 8, commuters can access Internet and make calls while travelling in the metro rail. Previously, this was not possible as internet connectivity and mobile network were not available in underground stations. Passengers can utilize the Wi-Fi services for free.

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In a release, Metro Rail management said that Airtel has decided to provide 4G data and voice services along both, green and blue lines, except for three stations. Chennai Central, LIC and Thousand Lights stations will be equipped with this feature by December first week as works are still in progress, said officials.

Jio services are already present between Thirumangalam and Egmore stations, but due to poor network connectivity, there are many black spots in the stations where mobile signal is not found. Now this has been extended to all stations along with Airtel services.

"Once the phase one extension from Washermanpet to Wimco Nagar is thrown open around March 2020, network coverage and free internet services will be provided here as well," said an official.

Moreover, free landline services have been arranged in all 19 underground stations for metro passengers. This 'free to use' telephone facility can be used in case of an emergency.