

METRO RAIL EXTENDS SERVICES TILL 9 PM

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Chennai Metro Rail has extended its daily operation by an hour as the Green Line between St Thomas Mount and P. V. Narayana Swamy Dr MG Ramachandran Central Metro via Tambaram resumed operation on Wednesday.

Also, considering several requests from the public, we have decided to extend operations till 9 pm from Thursday, a Chennai Metro Rail spokesman said. Train services from MGR Central Metro Station to Air Force Metro Station via Koyambudur will also resume from Wednesday.

Meanwhile, the Phase I Extension project from Washermanpet to Wimco Nagar, which was hit due to shortage of migrant labourers, is likely to be completed by December. With recent lockdown relaxations, authorities hope labourers would return soon. The project costing ₹3,770 crore was previously scheduled for inauguration in June, sources said.

The Phase-I extension covers a length of 9.051 km. Chennai Metro decided to extend the Corridor-1 from Washermanpet to Wimco Nagar in order to provide for a linkage with the suburban system and increase patronage.

Construction was earlier de-



A metro train plying near Kalaimagal Nagar, Chennai, on Wednesday | DEBADATTA MALLICK

layed for five years as the Central government granted approval for it only by 2016.

The plan is to facilitate transport of residents in the northern parts of the city with support of nine stations at Washermanpet, Korukkupet,

Theagaraya College, Tondiarpet, Tollgate, Thangal, Gowri Ashram, Tiruvottiyur and Wimco Nagar. Trains will run underground from Washermanpet till Korukkupet and beyond that it will be through an elevated corridor.