

# Washermenpet-Wimco Nagar Metro track work completed

## Trial run may begin after ramp construction at stations

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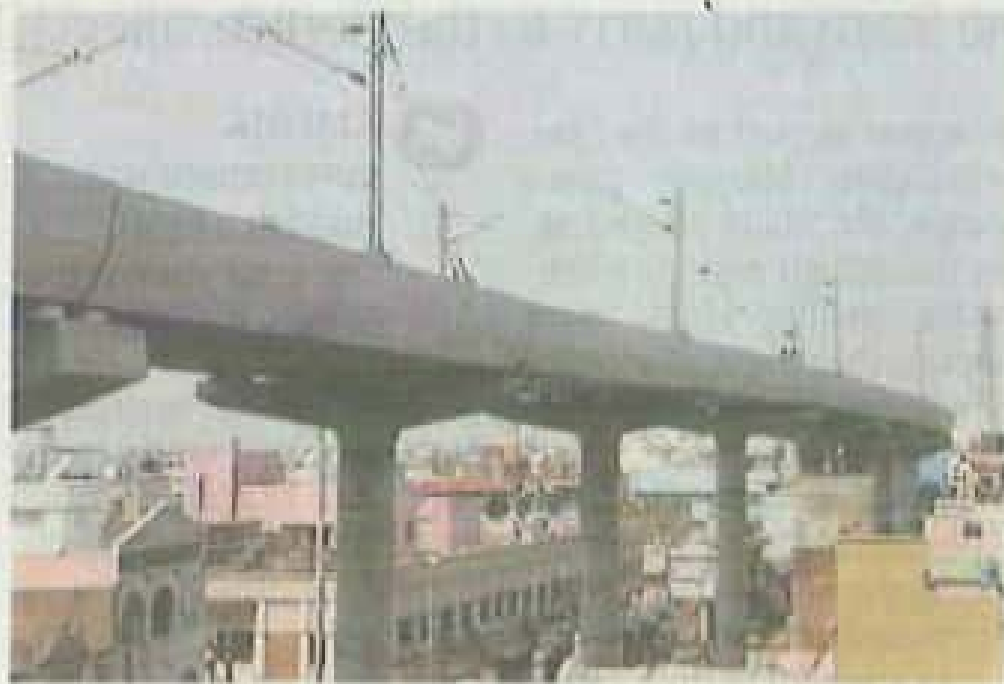
The crucial track work along Metro Rail's 9 km stretch from Washermenpet to Wimco Nagar has been completed.

Within two weeks, Chennai Metro Rail Ltd. (CMRL) is likely to do a trial run of a locomotive engine before the train services commence on this stretch.

Four years ago, former Chief Minister Jayalalithaa had launched the phase I extension project at an estimated cost of ₹3,770 crore to improve mobility for commuters in north Chennai. This stretch should have been inaugurated in last June but was delayed because of the lockdown. The work resumed after a few months of break and is back in full swing.

**Construction is on**  
According to officials of CMRL, the track work was recently completed on this stretch but the construction of stations was on.

"The construction of the



**On the fast track:** The 9 km Wimco Nagar-Washermenpet stretch of the Chennai Metro Rail may see trial runs of engines as the track is ready. • B. JOTHI RAMALINGAM

ramp portion [that links the underground station at Tondiarpet with the elevated station at New Washermanpet] is on now and only when that is over, the trial run with the loco can be done. Also, the laying of cables for signalling work and that of overhead equipment too began sometime ago," an official said.

Sources said the track work in the depot at Wimco Nagar had not been finished yet and may take a few more

months. It is essential to execute trial runs with trains along this stretch but sources said this might happen only in December or January. Ten trains manufactured in Sri City would be used for operations along this stretch.