

CMRL holds trial run on Phase-1 metro line in North Chennai

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THE Chennai Metro Rail on Saturday successfully performed the diesel locomotive trial run on the nine-km Phase-1 extension stretch from Washermenpet to Wimco Nagar. According to a statement from CMRL, the trial run covered 9 km up and down, spanning the eight metro stations (six elevated and two underground). Almost 90 per cent of the work on the Phase-1 stretch has been completed and the line is expected to be opened to the public by January.

“The installation of various systems, including ballast-less track, overhead electrification, signalling, tunnel ventilation, HVAC, platform screen doors, and automatic fare collection gates, is underway,” said the statement.

CMRL is also expected to give a green makeover to the medium lanes by growing various plants on the shade. Once open, the six km elevated portion of the nine-km stretch will give



CMRL officials holding a trial run of the diesel locomotive on the phase-1 stretch from Washermenpet to Wimco Nagar on Saturday | SPECIAL ARRANGEMENT

commuters a view of the north Chennai coast.

Metro has also floated tenders for Digital Route Display Requirements to set up LCD TVs and audio systems for announcements in trains and at stations.

The Phase-1 extension was to be inaugurated in 2020 but the construction got delayed due to the pandemic. A total of 10 trains will be added for the Phase-1 extension, which is being built at a cost of ₹3,770 crore.