DRIVERLESS METRO COULD BE NEXT STOP

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GOING SMOOTHLY: Trial on phase-1 extension line between Washermenpet (in pic) and Wimco Nagar continued on Sunday, when a four-car train was run. For a part of phase-2 network, CMRL plans to introduce driverless trains. They will be operated on the 52-km corridor from Madhavaram to Sholinganal-lur and from Madhavaram to CMBT funded by JICA. CMRL floated a tender earlier this week and the technical specifications in its tender invite said the chosen manufacturer will have to submit a 3D design in one year and a three-car train prototype in 2.2 years. If all goes smoothly, they'll get a delivery of 25 three-car driverless trainsets in 3.5 years. Delhi is set to launch driverless metro rain on Monday