

# Minister inspects metro extension work

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Industries Minister M.C. Sampath on Friday inspected the phase-I extension work of Chennai Metro Rail Limited (CMRL) in the 9-km line between Washermanpet metro station and Wimco Nagar metro station.

The minister, who was accompanied by CMRL managing director Pradeep Yadav and CMRL director Rajeev Narayan Dwivedi, took stock of the situation at the worksites in underground and elevated stations.

The extension will pave way for CMRL completing the phase I extension works from Washermenpet to Thiruvottiyur (Wimco Nagar) with 8 stations (two underground and six elevated metro stations). It will connect the northern part of the city to the central business district area and is targeted to be opened for traffic by the end of January.

According to CMRL, the diesel locomotive vehicle completed its maiden trial run successfully both upline and downline. The installation of various systems including ballastless track, overhead electrification, signalling, tunnel ventilation, HVAC, platform screen doors and automatic fare collection gates are under way.