

Now, enjoy a Metro ride by the seaside

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Commuters travelling on the elevated section of the Metro will get a beautiful glimpse of the sea, in addition to being able to grab a bite and do shopping.

From essential oils and jewellery to tea and milkshakes, commuters will see some eateries and shops as quite a few retail outlets of Indco Tea House, Tribes India store and Aavin have been opened in the new 9 km stretch from Washermenpet to Wimco Nagar.

Aavin has opened one outlet at the Wimco Nagar Metro and plans to open parlours at the Central,

Alandur and Nandanam stations too. "Once we get permission from Chennai Metro Rail Ltd. (CMRL), we will begin work in the remaining stations," a source said.

The Nilgiris-based Industrial Cooperative Tea Federation has opened its Indco Tea House in five stations and has plans to expand. "Over the last year, we have curated 11 tea products, including Bedford and Honey Hill that are specific to the Nilgiris. We will soon introduce two mobile *tea vандis* in Chennai," said Supriya Sahu, CEO, Tamil Nadu Tea Federation. CMRL officials said more such outlets would be opened soon.