

# CMRS begins inspection of North Chennai Metro line

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The Commissioner of Metro Railways Safety (CMRS) on Friday began inspection of the 9-km phase-1 metro extension in North Chennai, from Washermenpet to Wimco Nagar. This paves way for the inauguration of the stretch, which is likely to be done by Prime Minister Narendra Modi. While officials have not confirmed the dates, they have said that the inauguration could be in the middle of February

The CMRS, Abhai Kumar Rai, along with his team inspected a part of the underground stretch of phase-1 extension from Washermenpet to Tondiarpet. "Several civic operations, system readiness, height, stagger measurement, demonstration of a fire hydrant at ramp area, TVS Jet fan demonstration, ramp, sump check was among the part of inspection by the Metro commissioner," a CMRL statement said.

The Metro rail commissioner also inspected the gauge levels, clearance measurements, demonstration of passenger emer-



Commissioner of Metro Railways Safety Abhai Kumar Rai inspecting the phase-1 metro rail extension stretch from Old Washermenpet to Wimco Nagar on Friday

gency telephone, public announcement, passenger information displays, and lists, and escalators.

CMRL MD Pradeep Yadav, Rajeew Narayan Dwivedi, Director of Projects, Rajesh Chaturvedi, Director (Systems and Operations), and Vijay Kumar Singh, Chief General Manager (underground) were present during the inspection.

While it is anticipated that Prime Minister Narendra Modi will inaugurate it, works are on to give a facelift to the whole

stretch. Several parts of the 15 km Thiruvottiyur High Road, along the metro stretch, have been relaid and works to paint the stations are going on in full swing. "We expect some of the major interior designing work to be done in a week," said an official. Authorities have given a facelift to the old mint bus terminus, near the Washermenpet station, integrating it with the Metro station.

Similarly, the tollgate bus terminus too would be integrated with the CMRL station.