

Prez Opens Namma Metro

Bengaluru: President Pranab Mukherjee on Saturday inaugurated the final 12 km stretch of the 42 km Phase 1 of Bengaluru Metro. This will connect Nagasandra in the north with Yelachanahalli in the south. Commercial operations will begin from Sunday. Namma Metro (Our Metro), as it is nicknamed in Kannada, had become infamous for missing one deadline after another, particularly after a long gap following the opening of the first six kilometres in October 2011. Now, with both the North-South and East-West corridors linking up and being open for business, the embattled Bengaluru commuter should get some succour. – *Our Bureau*

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