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THE overall progress of the construction of the East Coast Rail Link (ECRL) project has achieved 27.82% completion as at February this year.

Malaysia Rail Link Sdn Bhd (MRL) CEO Datuk Seri Darwis Abdul Razak said the percentage of progress includes construction works across four states, namely Kelantan, Terengganu, Pahang and Selangor.

For infrastructure construction, he said works in Tereng-

ganu recorded 26.5% completion for the same period.

"This progress is driven by earthworks, as well as tunnelling, bridge, and piling works at 143 locations," he said in a statement on Tuesday.

It was reported that MRL targeted the progress of the ECRL infrastructure works to achieve 37% across the four states this year.

The 665km rail network comprising 59 tunnels spanning 61km, as well as several flyovers with a total length of 127 km, is estimated to cost

RM50.27 billion and is scheduled for completion in December 2026.

The construction involves the alignment of Section A from Kota Baru, Kelantan to Dungun, Terengganu; Section B from Dungun to Mentakab, Pahang; and Section C from Mentakab to Port Klang, Selangor.

In another development, Darwis said MRL's corporate social responsibility initiative, Mesra ECRL, was held at the Kuala Terengganu ECRL Station in Durian Guling yesterday

for the benefit of the local socio-economic, people and environment.

"The programme, which entailed engagement with the community surrounding the Kuala Terengganu ECRL Station, was timely, as the construction on the passenger station in the area will begin in the fourth quarter of this year," he said.

He said during the programme, a "Kenali ECRL" briefing was given to raise the awareness of the residents on the ECRL project, hence, uncovering the benefits from the

project, especially for the community living within a radius of 5km from the ECRL station.

"The briefing was also aimed at preparing the community for a more modern and efficient rail connection when the ECRL is completed," he said.

The "Mesra ECRL" programme was previously held in the vicinity of the Bandar Permaisuri ECRL Station and Jerteh ECRL Station on Feb 15 and 16 respectively. — *Bernama*