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CMRL Celebrates World Environment Day with Tree Plantation Drive

Every year, the World Environment Day is observed on 5th June to raise awareness and to promote action for the protection of the environment. The theme for this year is “Beat Plastic Pollution” which emphasizes the urgent need to address plastic waste and to promote sustainable practices.

As part of World Environment Day being celebrated today, Thiru. M.A. Siddique, I.A.S., Managing Director, CMRL initiated the drive by planting a sapling at MetroS, Anna Salai, Nandanam today (05-06-2025). As part of this initiative, over 1000 saplings are being planted across various plantation sites in and around Chennai City. This effort aligns with the organization’s broader Environmental Management Plan and its support for national and global environmental goals. An in-house seminar on the impacts of plastics on various ecosystems was also conducted as part of raising awareness.

Directors of CMRL, Thiru. S. Krishnamoorthy, Director (Finance) and Thiru. Manoj Goyal, Director (Systems & Operations) along with Thiru. G. Rajarathinam, CGM(HR), Thiru.A.R. Rajendran, CGM(RS), Thiru. Rajeev K Srivastava, Chief Advisor (Environment) and senior officials of CMRL were present during the occasion.

CMRL continues to integrate sustainability into its operations through several green initiatives:

- All 40 metro stations have achieved IGBC Platinum certification, adhering to the highest green building standards.
- Installation of solar panels across stations and depots to reduce dependency on conventional power sources and lower carbon emissions.
- A shift towards paperless and plastic-free offices, encouraging digital practices including e-ticketing to reduce paper consumption.
- Ongoing tree plantation programs to promote biodiversity and urban livability.

In recognition of its commitment to green mobility, CMRL was recently awarded the prestigious Global Environmental Excellence Award 2025 in the Transportation Sector — the only metro rail organization in India to receive this honour.

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