

**Press Release**

**9.80 crore passengers have travelled in Chennai Metro Rail from 29<sup>th</sup> June 2015 to 31<sup>st</sup> December 2021**

**2.53 crore passengers travelled in Chennai Metro Rail in 2021**

CMRL commenced its Metro Train operations from 29th June 2015 and has become the lifeline for the people of Chennai. Come rain or shine, CMRL has always endeavoured to provide a safe, efficient and a reliable travel partner for its loyal commuters. This can very well be seen in the monumental increase in the patronage in 2021 wherein 2.53 crore passengers travelled in Chennai Metro.

In addition to providing world-class infrastructure facilities, CMRL has come up with several efficient and sustainable initiatives to increase the patronage. Availability of ample parking space at Metro Stations and 12 Mini Bus Feeder services are presently available at select Metro Stations.

In addition, CMRL witnessed a monumental increase in its ridership since the commencement of Metro Train Operations in 2015.

- 2,80,52,357 passengers travelled between 29<sup>th</sup> June 2015 to 31<sup>st</sup> December 2018.
- 3,28,13,628 passengers travelled between 1<sup>st</sup> January 2019 to 31<sup>st</sup> December 2019.
- 1,18,56,982 passengers travelled between 1<sup>st</sup> January 2020 to 31<sup>st</sup> December 2020
- 2,53,03,383 passengers travelled between 1<sup>st</sup> January 2021 to 31<sup>st</sup> December 2021.

So far, a total of **9,80,26,350** passengers have travelled in Chennai Metro between 29<sup>th</sup> June 2015 to 31<sup>st</sup> December 2021.

Metro Train services were suspended from March 2020 - September 2020 and from May 2021 – June 2021 due to the COVID-19 pandemic lockdown.

CMRL thanks all its passengers for accepting Chennai Metro as their lifeline in public transport and for cooperating in maintaining the Metro Trains, Stations and wish their continued support in future.

CMRL requests its passengers to wear facemasks at all times in Metro Station premises and inside Metro Trains for their own safety and maintain social distancing. CMRL also requests all its passengers to cooperate in the fight against the spread of COVID-19.

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