

71st Republic Day Celebrated at Chennai Metro Rail Limited

CMRL celebrated 71st Republic Day at CMRL Admin Building at Koyambedu on 26-01-2020. Thiru Pankaj Kumar Bansal, I.A.S., Managing Director, CMRL hoisted the National Flag and accepted the parade salute in CMRL Admin Building at Koyambedu. On the occasion of Republic Day Celebration, for encouraging sportsmanship among fellow colleagues, Sports competitions namely Three outdoor games (Brisk walk, back walk and slow cycle race) and three indoor games (Badminton, TT, Carrom) in two different categories of men and women have been conducted for CMRL Officials and Staff in which several officers and staff participated and the prizes for 57 officials and staffs were distributed by MD, CMRL. In addition, the awards of the 18 winners of the Chennai Runners Marathon conducted on 5th Jan 2020 were also distributed during the event. Tmt. Sujatha Jayaraj (Director Finance), Thiru Narasim Prasad Director (S&O)(Incharge), Higher Officials and Staffs of CMRL participated in the event.



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Hon'ble Minister for Industries Review Meeting held at CMRL Admin Building on 28-01-2020

The Hon'ble Minister for Industries **Thiru M.C. Sampath** reviewed Chennai Metro Rail Project on 28-01-2020. During the review the Hon'ble Minister reviewed the Phase 1, Phase 1 Extension works and Phase 2 of Chennai Metro Rail Project progress. The Hon'ble Minister during the review, instructed CMRL to complete the Phase 1 Extension works for opening of commercial operation at the earliest.



The Hon'ble Minister during the review also reviewed the various facilities and Last mile connectivity measures undertaken by CMRL to facilitate the public.

The Review Meeting was attended by Chennai Metro Rail Limited Managing Director, Thiru Pankaj Kumar Bansal, I.A.S along with Director (Finance) Tmt. Sujatha Jayaraj, Director (Projects) Thiru Rajeev Narayan Dwivedi, Director (System & Operations) Incharge, Thiru L. Narasim Prasad along with Chief General Managers and Senior officials of CMRL were also present during the review meeting.

Two Tier Two Wheeler Parking Lot Inaugurated At Meenambakkam Metro Station

In order to provide better comfort for the commuting public Chennai Metro Rail provides various facilities, one among such facility for Parking of Two Wheelers, a two tier parking facility was inaugurated at Meenambakkam Metro rail station by CMRL Director (Systems and Operations) Mr. L. Narasim Prasad on 02.01.2020. In this facility 5 two wheelers can be parked at Ground level and 5 more two wheelers can be parked at an elevation of 9 Feet, thereby paucity space can be avoided and instead of only 5 two wheelers, 10 two wheelers can be parked at a time.

The Parked vehicles are lifted to top through Hydraulic power and brought down through Gravitational force. The similar facility is planned to be introduced in other metro stations also.

In this programme, Swift Power Products Engineering Pvt. Ltd. Managing Director Mr. S. Prabhu and other officials of CMRL also participated.



Sketchers Performance Chennai Marathon

As part of promoting several sustainable and health related activities at CMRL. CMRL collaborated with Chennai Runners to host the Sketchers Performance Chennai Marathon which was conducted for a social cause and restoration of **Kazhpathur lake** in OMR on 05-1-2020. As the official metro partner for the Chennai Marathon Metro train operations was started as early as 3 am on 05-1-2020 in an effort to encourage the marathon participants. In addition for the benefit of the participants, all parking lots at all the metro stations were opened for free of cost from 3am – 12pm . A total of 32,000 people had participated in the above event.

CMRL Metro Pongal Cultural Festival held on 9th, 10th and 11th of January 2020

As part of celebrating Tamil Culture and various Art forms of South India, CMRL in collaboration with South Zone Cultural Centre, Thanjavur conducted **“CMRL Metro Pongal Cultural Festival”** at Saidapet, Central and Thirumangalam Metro Stations from 9th to 11th of January 2020

Several performances namely Thiruvathirakali & Oppana by Thiru. Sigaputhin and crew from Paiyanur, Kerala, Dollukunitha Thullisai Nadanam by Thiru. Bhoothiyappa and crew from Shimoka, Karnataka and Tappattam performance by Thiru. Selvam crew from Krishnagiri. The three days Metro Pongal Cultural Program witnessed around 12,500 people with their families and friends enjoying the several art forms of Tamil Nadu and South India and made the event a grand success!



Live Music Performance at Central Metro on 05-01-2020

CMRL in association with the Unwind Center School of Music hosted a musical afternoon at Central Metro on 05-01-2020. The Live Performance featured an array of musicians and singers performing their own singles. The event also hosted Celebrity Playback singer Sid Sriram who performed several be performing live at Central Metro to an enthralled audience. A precursor to his upcoming concert All Love No Hate, scheduled to be held in February 2020.



Cherish Chennai 2020

Musical Week at the Metro Stations and Trains

As part of celebrating the rich traditions of Chennai and Tamil Culture and Heritage, CMRL has collaborated with several artists and organizations to give the people of Chennai a glimpse into the world of Music and Arts of Tamil Culture. The Cherish Chennai Musical Week commenced from 24-01-2020 till 02-02-2020 with several artists performing at various Metro Stations

a. **'Chennai Kalai Theru Vizha'** (formerly Urur Olcott Kuppam Vizha) team performed at Metro Stations and Trains on Jan. 24th 2020 from Airport to Washermanpet and on Jan 30th 2020 from Alandur to Central Metro. The team performed Oyillattam at Airport Metro, Othasevuru - Tamil Rock Band and Solo theatre by Sunanda, Carnatic music by Bharat Narayan & party (Inside the Metro Train) and Devarattam and Parai performance at Washermanpet Metro Station (Street level). Stand Up Comedy by Abhishek and Light music performance by Bindumalini inside the metro train towards Central Metro and Bharathanatyam by Preethi Bharadwaj and Paraiattam by Deepan at Central Metro.

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<p>24-01-2020 Metro Vizha Music, Theatre, Parai and Oyillattam Performance by Chennai Kalai Theru Vizha Othasevuru - Tamil Rock Band Solo theatre by Sunanda Carnatic music by Bharat Narayan & party Chennai Metro (Route: Airport to Washermanpet and back) Time: 10 AM - 12 PM Devarattam and Parai Performance (11:30 AM)</p>	<p>27-01-2020 Music Event Rotaract Club of Sathyabama Chennai Metro (Route: Central to Airport corridor) Time: 5 PM - 7 PM</p>
<p>30-01-2020 Metro Vizha Music, Theatre, Parai and Oyillattam Performance by Chennai Kalai Theru Vizha Standup Comedy by Abhishek Light music by Bindumalini Bharathanatyam by Preethi Bharadwaj Chennai Metro (Route: Alandur to Chennai Central and back) Time: 5 PM - 6:30 PM Paraiattam by Deepan at Central Metro (Street Level) at 5:45 PM - 6:30 PM</p>	<p>27-01-2020 Carnatic Quartet A musical evening by Aanmajothi Koyambedu Metro station Time: 5 PM</p>
	<p>02-02-2020 Live Music Session On the Streets of Chennai Central Metro Station Time: 6:30 PM - 8:30 PM</p>



Cherish Chennai 2020 Musical Week at the Metro Stations and Trains

2. Aanmajothi, an organization which aspires to work for the preservation and propagation of the rich cultural heritage of India through efforts to take Music and Dance to children and the youth performed "A Carnatic Quartet" - a musical evening at **Koyambedu Metro station** on **January 27th 2020**.

3. The members of the Rotaract Club of Sathyabama performed a musical evening inside the Metro Train on **27-01-2020** from Central to Airport Stretch spreading smiles and bringing back nostalgic memories of the passengers by singing old song.

4. On the Streets of Chennai performed a Live music session at Central Metro Station (Street Level) on **2nd Feb 2020** to an enthralled audience.

67,963 passengers have utilized the Share Auto and Share Taxi and Metro Cab services in the Month of December 2019 . As of December 2019, 7.18 lakh passengers had used the connectivity service.

CMRL had undertaken an initiative of providing several Last Mile Connectivity measures for the Metro Passengers among which Share auto and Share Taxi Feeder services are plying at selected Metro Rail Stations on a trial basis since 11.08.2018. A total of Seven Metro Stations were identified for Share Auto Feeder service.

The Share Auto Feeder services are running on the designated feeder routes with a flat tariff of Rs.5. Similarly, the Share Taxi Feeder services are planned for select Metro Rail Stations. The Share Taxi Feeder services are covering an area up to 3 Km radius with a flat tariff of Rs.10.

A total 42,366 of passengers have utilized the Share Auto and Share Taxi facilities at the metro rail stations in the month of December, 2019 and 25,597 no of passengers have utilized the Metro Cab Feeder Services in the month of December, 2019. A total 67,963 of passengers have utilized the Share Auto, Share Taxi and Metro Cab Feeder Services in the month of December, 2019. So far, total of 7,18,003 number of passengers have utilized the Last Mile feeder service facilities between 11th August 2018 and 31st December, 2019.

A Happy Visit

A group of 70 officers along with their families from the Armed Forces Veteran Officers Association visited CMRL Admin Building on 11-01-2020 for a brief presentation on CMRL facilities and its project implementations. Thiru Gurunath Reddy, AGM (CP), CMRL presided over the meeting and explained to the gathering the facilities provided by CMRL for the public. The group had also travelled by the Metro Train and enjoyed their visit. Thiru Rajeev Narayan Dwivedi , Director(Project) were also present.



6.08 crore passengers have traveled in Chennai Metro Rail from 29th June 2015 to 31st December 2019

3.28 crore passengers traveled in Chennai Metro Rail in 2019.

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 the people of Chennai a safe, efficient and a reliable travel partner for its loyal commuters. As part of providing world class infrastructure facilities to the people of Chennai, CMRL has come up with several efficient and sustainable initiatives to increase the patronage such as citing availability of parking space at Metro Stations and launching many last mile connectivity measures like Share Auto, Share Taxi and Metro Cab Feeder services which are presently available at few metro stations will soon have at all 32 Metro stations. An incremental increase in the ridership was witnessed by CMRL since the commencement of Metro Train operations.

The ridership details between 29th June 2015 to 31st December 2018 are as follows:

June 2015 – December 2015	26,33,890
January 2016 – December 2016	36,30,216
January 2017 – December 2017	73,99,282
January 2018 – December 2018	1,43,88,969
Total	2,80,52,357

The ridership details from 1st January 2019 to 31st December 2019 are as follows:

January 2019	17,36,744
February 2019	23,61,287
March 2019	23,88,319
April 2019	24,30,713
May 2019	24,49,889
June 2019	24,95,491
July 2019	28,17,224
August 2019	29,65,307
September 2019	31,89,591
October 2019	32,48,142
November 2019	32,98,164
December 2019	34,32,757
Total	3,28,13,628

So far a total of **6,08,65,985** passengers have travelled in Chennai Metro Between 29th June 2015 to 31st December 2019. More than 1 Lakh passengers have travelled during the following months namely; For a total of 19 days in the month of August 2019, For a total of 21 days in the month of September 2019, For a total of 22 days in the month of October 2019, For a total of 24 days in the month of November 2019, For a total of 26 days in the month of December respectively. CMRL wishes to thank all its passengers overwhelmingly welcoming and adopting Chennai Metro as a lifeline in public transport and also for cooperating in maintaining the Metro trains and stations clean and would expect the same continued support in future.

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