



METRO DIGEST



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MD Message



My dear esteemed colleagues and friends,

It's been several months since the world was exposed to an unprecedented crisis. I know these are tough times for all of us and we are all doing our very best to ensure the safety and well-being of our colleagues, our families and our community.

As an organization, CMRL has gone through major transformation due to the unprecedented lock-down since March 23rd 2020 to prevent the spread of the Covid-19 virus. We have learnt to adapt, adjust and rework our work schedule. Our staff have shown great zeal and support during these trying times.

On this note, I would like to personally thank all our Officials and Staff both in CMRL Headquarters and in Metro Stations who have effortlessly managed this crisis and shouldered the burden in handling and maintaining our Metro Stations and Trains with selfless commitment.

Even during these tough times, we have achieved major milestones including laying of Foundation Stone for Phase-II of CMRL Project for a total of 118.9 kms in three corridors viz. Corridors-3, 4 and 5 at an estimated cost of Rs. 61,843 Cr. supported by Government of India, Government of Tamil Nadu, JICA, ADB, AIIB and NDB.

The Phase-II of CMRL Project is the first Metro in India to be the Single Largest Metro Rail Project to be implemented in one go. With the completion of these 3 corridors by 2026, Chennai will have 173 kms of metro stretch carrying 25 lakh passengers per day accounting for 25% of public transport trips, to witness its transformation into a world-class destination for investments and economic activities.

CMRL in its endeavour to provide seamless connectivity to the people of North Chennai to the rest of Chennai has been working relentlessly to complete the entire Phase-I Extension from Washermanpet Metro Station and Thiruvottriyur / Wimco Nagar spanning a total of. 9.051 kms. Trial runs have been successfully completed and soon we will commence commercial operations.

These are challenging times, but we will get through them. I insist that everyone takes necessary precautions to remain healthy and safe. As we welcome another year, let us all be united with unwavering strength, resolute self-confidence and a renewed spirit to achieve great milestones at CMRL.

Thank you

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Trial run held between Washermanpet Metro Station and Thiruvottriyur/Wimco Nagar Metro Station

CMRL in its endeavour to provide seamless connectivity to the people of North Chennai to the rest of Chennai has been working non-stop to complete the entire Phase-I extension from Washermanpet Metro Station and Thiruvottriyur/Wimco Nagar spanning a total of 9.051 kms.

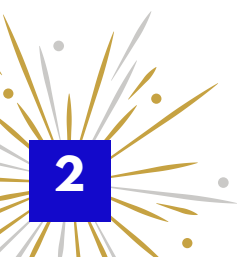
Hence, CMRL held its first Trial run between Washermanpet Metro Station and Wimco Nagar Metro Station on 26th December 2020. During the Trial run, Diesel Locomotive vehicle was taken for its maiden trial and was completed successfully. The trial was conducted on both Upline and Downline.

As the trial run was conducted successfully to the satisfaction of CMRL officials, on 27th December 2020, CMRL completed its trial with the Metro Train on both Upline and Downline successfully. With the tunnels in the Underground Corridors and the Elevated Viaducts proving ready for operations in this 9.051 km stretch, the works for finishes and fit-outs are being done day and night to achieve early commissioning.

Also, the surface restoration works are on-going in parallel including installation of various systems namely, Ballast-less Track, Over Head Equipment Electrification (OHE), Signalling, Tunnel Ventilation, HVAC, Platform Screen Doors, Automatic Fare Collection (AFC) gates.

Thiru. Pradeep Yadav, I.A.S., Managing Director, CMRL along with Thiru. Rajeev Narayan Dwivedi, Director (Projects), Thiru. Rajesh Chaturvedi, Director (Systems and Operations) participated in the Metro Train Trial Run. Senior Officials of CMRL were also present during the occasion.

This trial run paved way to CMRL's plan for fully completing the entire Phase-I extension works from Washermanpet to Thiruvottriyur (Wimco Nagar) covering 9.051 kms with 8 Metro Stations (2 Underground and 6 Elevated Metro Stations) which will connect the northern part of the city to the Central Business District Area and is targeted to be opened for traffic by the end of January 2021.



Women Powered Mobile Tea Shops on Electric Auto Rickshaws at Saidapet Metro

The Hon'ble Minister for Fisheries and Administration Reforms Thiru. D. Jayakumar and Hon'ble Minister for Industries Thiru. M.C. Sampath on 29th December 2020 flagged off India's first fleet of mobile chai outlets built on environment friendly electric auto rickshaws at the Saidapet Metro Station premises. These mobile chai outlets serve several hot beverages in their electric vehicles converted into chai outlets. The fleet would be managed by women work force primarily. With a gender neutral employment policy, overall workforce in the outlets will include men, women, transgenders and the differently-abled.



12.30 lakh passengers travelled in Chennai Metro Train in December, 2020. Over 31.52 lakh passengers travelled in Chennai Metro Train from September 7th to December 31st 2020

Chennai Metro Rail resumed its services in a graded manner from 7th September 2020. A total of 31,52,446 passengers have travelled in the Metro Train from 7th September to 31st December 2020. A total of 3,60,193 passengers have travelled in the Metro Train from 7th Sept to 30th September 2020. A total of 7,03,223 passengers have travelled in the Metro Train from 1st October to 31st October 2020. A total of 8,58,546 passengers have travelled in the Metro Train from 1st November to 30th November 2020. A total of 12,30,484 passengers have travelled in the Metro Train from 1st December, to 31st December, 2020. On 21st December 2020, a total of 47,214 passengers have used the Metro Train to commute.

A total of 83,813 passengers have utilized the recently launched QR code ticketing system from September, 2020 to December, 2020 and 18,49,944 passengers have used Travel Card Ticketing System from September, 2020 to December, 2020. In the month of December, 2020 a total of 29,583 passengers have utilized the QR Code ticketing system. While 6,58,213 passengers have used Travel Card Ticketing System.

CMRL offers a 20% discount on QR Code Ticketing namely Single Journey Q.R Ticket, Return Journey Q.R Ticket, Group Q.R Ticket and Q.R Trip passes from 11.09.2020. 10% discount is already available for passengers using Travel Cards.

All the Entrance gates at all Metro Stations have been opened for public use considering the convenience and welfare of public and Chennai Metro Rail Passengers. Also, all the facilities inside the Metro Stations such as Lifts, Escalators and Subways connecting the Entrance of Metro Stations are also being opened to benefit the public and Metro Rail Passengers.

CMRL requests all its passengers to co-operate with CMRL security, Ticketing and other staff for a safe and smooth travel in its effort to prevent the spread of COVID-19 by maintaining social distancing.

Best Employer Brand Award

CMRL is happy to announce that it has received The Best Employer Brand Award under the category of Best Employer Brand Award. CMRL submitted various topics on the measures undertaken for being Environmental Friendly, for providing several Employment Opportunities for Fresh Dynamic Engineers, for innovative Online Recruitment process, measures undertaken for Women Empowerment and Special Initiatives and providing Non-Technical Training and In-House training for Non-Executives in Operation Department. The award was received from World HRD Congress on 04.12.2020.



Welcome to the CMRL Family!



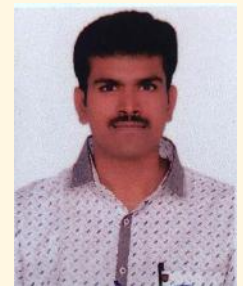
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Covid-19 Awareness Drive at Metro Stations

As part of creating safety awareness to general public and passengers travelling in the Metro Train, it has been planned to conduct Covid - 19 related awareness drives in the Metro Stations and Metro Trains. In this connection, CMRL had associated with **Nimirvu Kalaiyagam**, an outstanding Parai performing group performed at the Alandur Metro Station on 6th December 2020, Washermanpet Metro Station on 25th December 2020 and Thirumangalam Metro Station on 27th December 2020 and **'On the Streets of Chennai'**, a group of singers performed a live music session at Central Metro, Airport Metro, Thirumangalam and Alandur Metro on 26th and 27th December 2020.



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