

## CMRL Honoured with Two National Awards at UMI 2025



CMRL has been honoured with two national recognitions at the Urban Mobility India (UMI) Conference 2025, organised by the Ministry of Housing and Urban Affairs (MoHUA), Government of India, on November 9, 2025, at Hotel Hyatt Regency.

- ★ For the **“Award of Excellence in Urban Transport”** under the category “Metro Rail with the Best Multimodal Integration”
- ★ For the **“Commendation Award in Urban Transport”** under the category of “Metro Rail with the Best Passenger Services and Satisfaction”.

The awards were presented by **Thiru. Manohar Lal Khattar, Union Minister of Power & Housing and Urban Affairs**, and **Thiru. Tokhan Sahu, Minister of State (Housing and Urban Affairs)**. They were received by **Thiru. S.S. Sivasankar, Honourable Minister for Transport and Electricity, Government of Tamil Nadu**, **Dr. K. Gopal, I.A.S., Additional Chief Secretary to Government (Special Initiatives Department), Government of Tamil Nadu** and **Thiru. M.A. Siddique, I.A.S., Managing Director, CMRL**.



## CMRL Honoured with Global Sustainable Urban Mobility Project of the Year 2025



CMRL was awarded the Global Sustainable Urban Mobility Project of the Year 2025 by the Global Energy and Environment Foundation (GEEF). The award was presented during the Global Sustainable Development Summit 2025, held at ITC Maurya, New Delhi.

The trophy and citation were presented to **Thiru. M. A. Siddique, I.A.S., Managing Director, CMRL**, in the presence of **Thiru. T. Archunan, Director (Projects)**, and **Dr. Rajeev K. Srivastava, Chief Advisor (Environment)**.

CMRL received this recognition for its commitment to sustainable mobility, including compensatory plantation, dust mitigation, noise and vibration monitoring, and the use of eco-friendly and sustainable construction materials across project sites.



## AIIB Officials Visit Chennai Metro Rail's Upcoming Project Corridors

On November 11 and 12, 2025, AIIB officials visited Chennai to review the upcoming Chennai Metro Rail project sites. The AIIB team, Thiru. Andres Pizaro, Senior Public Sector Transport Expert (South East Asia), and Thiru. Santhosh, Investment Officer (Transport), held discussions with the Managing Director of CMRL and other senior officials.

**As part of the visit, the delegation inspected the major project stretches including:**



*Airport-Kilambakkam corridor (15.46 km), including the Kilambakkam Bus Terminus, and the Pattabiram-Koyambedu via Avadi (21.76 km) on November 11, 2025*



*Poonamallee Bypass-Sunguvarchatram corridor (28 km) on November 12, 2025.*

Thiru. T. Archunan, Director (Projects), Thiru. Narendra Kumar, JGM (P&BD), and other senior officials accompanied on the site visit.

## CMRL Facilitated Swift Transport of Donor Lungs for Life-Saving Transplants

CMRL continues to play an important role in enhancing emergency medical response by enabling the swift and seamless transport of donor organs across the city, in accordance with the Metro Railways Amendment Rules, 2023.



On November 08, 2025, donor lungs were transported from Meenambakkam to AG-DMS in just 21 minutes with the assistance of CMRL officials.



On November 14, 2025, donor lungs were transported from Chennai Airport Metro Station to Vadapalani, ensuring the organ team reached Kauvery Hospital without delay.



## TBM "Mullai" Breakthrough at Kolathur Station & TBM "Kurunji" Begins Tunnelling work from Kolathur Station to Srinivasa Nagar

CMRL marked a significant milestone at Kolathur Station under Phase 2, Corridor 5, with the successful breakthrough of TBM "Mullai" and the launch of TBM "Kurinji."



The Launching of the Tunnel Boring Machine "Kurinji" at the Kolathur South shaft has commenced. This tunnel drive is between Kolathur and Srinivasa Nagar station and will be covering a tunnel distance of 1060m in Grade-5&4 rocky strata and including a sharp curve of 230m.



TBM "Mullai," which began its drive on May 23, 2025, from the Kolathur Ramp, achieved a breakthrough after tunnelling 246 m despite extremely low overburden levels (1.8 m), a -3.8% gradient, and continuous public traffic above. The breakthrough was completed smoothly without any disruption to public movement.

**Thiru. T. Archunan, Director (Projects)**, CMRL, Thiru. T. Livingstone Eliazer, CGM (PP&D), Thiru. M. Karthikeyan, JGM, along with officials from Tata Projects Ltd., including Thiru. K. Ramesh (Project Director), Thiru. Natthapong Katkaew (Project Manager) and General Consultant representatives Thiru. Tony Burchell (Team Leader) & Thiru. A. Udayakumar (Chief Resident Engineer), and other senior officials from CMRL, Tata Projects Ltd., and the General Consultants were present during the event.

*\*TBM - Tunnel Boring Machine*

*\*Rocky strata - Dense rock layers that make excavation tougher*



## Special Metro Rail Trip on the occasion of International Day of Persons with Disabilities

CMRL, in collaboration with the Commissionerate for Welfare of the Differently Abled, organised a free Metro Rail journey from the Airport to AG-DMS Metro station on 25 November 2025 for 167 students from Government Special Schools across Tamil Nadu, along with their teachers and staff, as part of the observance of the International Day of Persons with Disabilities. The initiative aimed to familiarise children with visual, hearing, and orthopaedic impairments with the Metro system, promoting independent mobility and public transport experience.



*The schools that participated were:*

Special School for the Visually Impaired – Poonamallee, Special School for the Hearing Impaired – Kanchipuram, Special School for the Visually & Hearing Impaired – Thanjavur and Special School for the Orthopedically Impaired – Chengalpattu.







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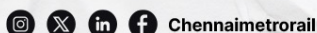
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