

Inauguration of the 4-Lane Road Bridge Across Okkiyam Maduvu



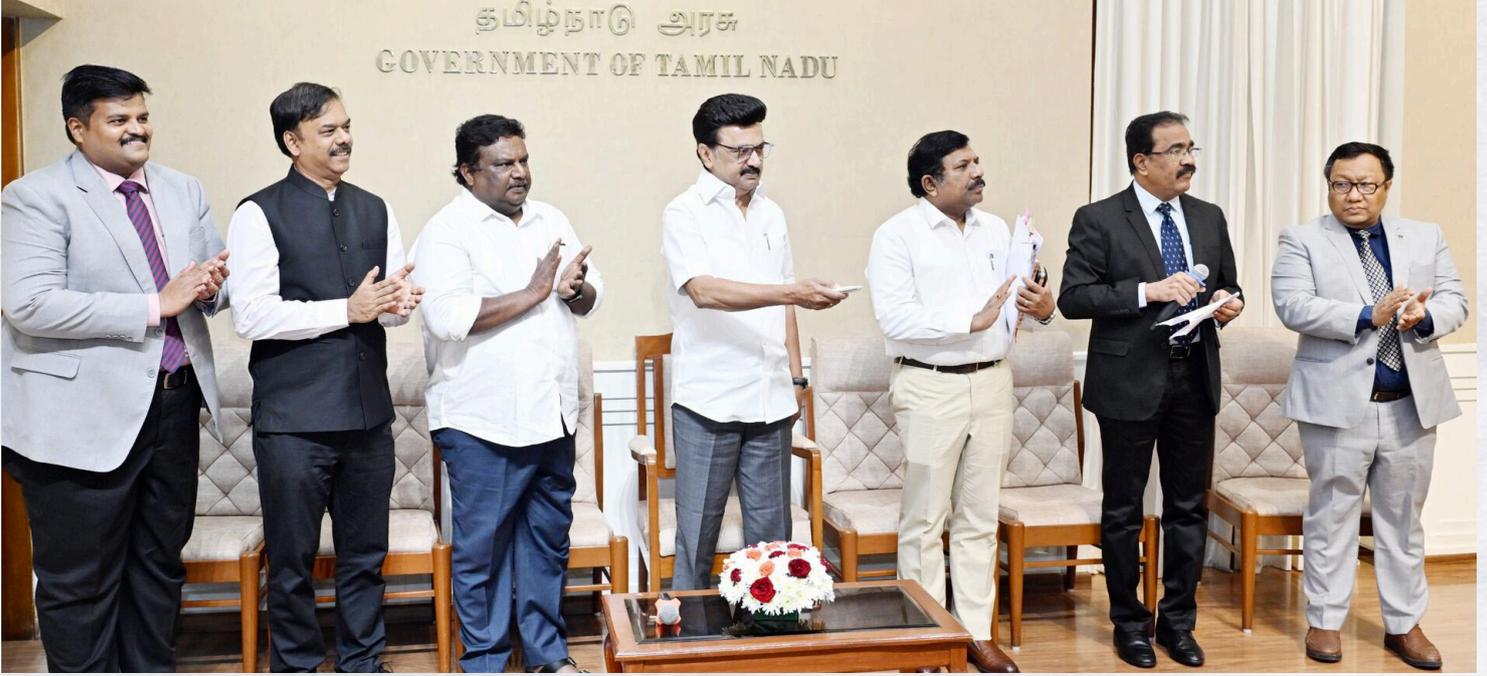
On 22 January 2026, the Honorable Chief Minister of Tamil Nadu, Thiru. M. K. Stalin inaugurated the newly constructed 4-lane road bridge at Okkiyam Maduvu on Rajiv Gandhi Salai (OMR), built at a cost of ₹60 Crores. The new 205-metre-long bridge, constructed using steel structures, significantly improves water discharge capacity of the canal. The bridge, with increased vertical clearance, has been

designed keeping in view flood mitigation measures adopted after the Michaung Cyclone and will enhance traffic flow and urban resilience along this key IT corridor.

In this event, Thiru. S. S. Sivasankar, Honourable Minister for Transport and Electricity, Thiru. N. Muruganandam, I.A.S., Chief Secretary, Dr. K. Gopal, I.A.S., Additional Chief Secretary, Special Initiatives Department, Thiru. M.A. Siddique, I.A.S., Additional Chief Secretary & Managing Director of Chennai Metro Rail Limited, Thiru. Shunchonngam Jatak Chiru, I.A.S., the Principal Secretary to the Government, Transport Department, and Thiru. T. Prabhu Shankar, I.A.S., Managing Director of Metropolitan Transport Corporation, along with senior officials from the Government of Tamil Nadu and CMRL, were also present during the occasion.



Foundation Stone Laid for the Multimodal Transport and Commercial Complex at Mandaveli



On 22 January 2026, the **Honorable Chief Minister of Tamil Nadu, Thiru. M. K. Stalin** laid the foundation stone for the Mandaveli Multimodal Transport & Commercial Complex at the Mandaveli Bus Depot and Terminus, at an estimated cost of ₹167.09 Crores. The project is designed to integrate Metro rail and bus services with commercial infrastructure, providing a seamless transit experience for commuters. Spread over 6,625 sq. m of land with a built-up area of 29,385 sq. m, the complex comprises two towers housing retail spaces, passenger facilities, Metro access, and enhanced bus parking, and is scheduled for completion within two years.



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Foundation Stone Laid for Broadway Multi Modal Facility Complex

On 29 January 2026, The Honorable Chief Minister of Tamil Nadu, Thiru. M. K. Stalin, laid the foundation stone for the Broadway Multi Modal Facility Complex (MMFC) at the Broadway Bus Terminus, Chennai, at an estimated cost of ₹822.70 Crores. The project aims to redevelop the historic Broadway terminus into a modern, integrated transport hub connecting the High Court Metro Station, Broadway Bus Terminus, and Fort Railway Station (MRTS). With a total built-up area of 1,36,580 sq. m, the complex will have bus bays, passenger amenities, retail outlets, office spaces, and extensive parking facilities, offering seamless multi-modal connectivity and improved commuter convenience.



Thiru. K.N. Nehru, Honorable Minister for Municipal Administration, Thiru. R.S. Rajakannappan, Honorable Minister for Forests and Khadi, Thiru. P.K. Sekar Babu, Honorable Minister for Hindu Religious and Charitable Endowments, Tmt. R. Priya, Mayor of Greater Chennai Corporation, Members of the Legislative Assembly (MLAs): Thiru. Thayagam Kavi, Thiru. Vetriyazhagan, Thiru. Joseph Samuel, Thiru. R.D. Sekar, and Thiru. R. Murthy, Thiru. M. Magesh Kumar, Deputy Mayor. Dr. K. Gopal, I.A.S., Additional Chief Secretary, Special Initiatives Department, Thiru. M.A. Siddique, I.A.S., Additional Chief

Secretary & Managing Director of Chennai Metro Rail Limited, Dr. D. Karthikeyan, I.A.S., Principal Secretary, Municipal Administration and Water Supply Department, Thiru. J. Kumaragurubaran, I.A.S., Commissioner, Greater Chennai Corporation, representatives of local bodies and senior government officials also participated.

Hon'ble Deputy Chief Minister Inaugurated "Metros Park" at CMRL Headquarters

On January 23, 2026, the Hon'ble Deputy Chief Minister of Tamil Nadu, Thiru. Udhayanidhi Stalin, inaugurated "Metros Park", along with volleyball and pickleball courts, at the CMRL Headquarters in Nandanam for public use. Developed at an estimated cost of ₹3.50 Crores, the park spans an area of 3,750 sq. m, utilizing Greater Chennai Corporation Open Space Reservation (OSR) land along with CMRL land.

The facility features three volleyball courts, two outdoor pickleball courts, an open-air gym, a 370-metre walking track, an '8'-shaped walking pathway, and a dedicated children's play area. Emphasising sustainability and public convenience, the park is equipped with rainwater harvesting structures, compost pits, drinking water facilities, toilets, and seating areas.



The event was attended by the Tmt. R. Priya, Mayor of Greater Chennai Corporation, Thiru. T. Velu, Member of the Legislative Assembly, Thiru. M. Maheshkumar, Deputy Mayor, Dr. K. Gopal, I.A.S., Additional Chief Secretary of the Special Initiatives Department, Thiru. M. A. Siddique, I.A.S., Additional Chief Secretary & Managing Director of Chennai Metro Rail Limited, Thiru. J. Kumaragurubaran, I.A.S., Commissioner of Greater Chennai Corporation, Representatives of Local Bodies and Senior Government Officials.



77th Republic Day Celebrated at CMRL Head Office



CMRL celebrated the 77th Republic Day at MetroS, Head Office Building, Nandanam, Anna Salai on January 26, 2026. Thiru. M.A. Siddique, I.A.S., Additional Chief Secretary & Managing Director, CMRL, unfurled the National Flag and accepted the parade salute.



CMRL recognised employees who have completed 10 years of dedicated service. Certificates of Appreciation and mementos were presented by the Managing Director to 25 CMRL officials, acknowledging their commitment and contribution to the organisation.



Reaffirming its commitment to inclusive growth, CMRL honoured six (6) transgender outsourced TOM operators working at New Washermenpet Metro Station with certificates and mementos, recognising their valuable role in the CMRL workforce.



In connection with Republic Day celebrations, Chennai Metro Rail Limited (CMRL) organised the Sports and Games Meet 2025-26 for government school students. Students from Chennai Middle School, Thideer Nagar, Saidapet, and Chennai Middle School, Mettupalayam participated enthusiastically in events including Running, Relay, Chess, Badminton, Volleyball, and Kho-Kho, and certificates of appreciation and medals were awarded to 76 winning students by the Managing Director during the celebrations.

The event was attended by Thiru. T. Archunan, Director (Projects), Thiru. S. Krishnamoorthy, Director (Finance), Thiru. Manoj Goyal,

Director (Systems & Operations), Tmt. H. Jayalakshmi, I.P.S., (Chief Security Officer), Senior Officials and Staff of CMRL, GC were present during the occasion.

Trial Run Conducted from Porur Junction to Vadapalani CMRL Phase 2



CMRL achieved a significant milestone in the Phase 2, Corridor 4 project with the successful trial run of a metro train conducted on 11 January 2026 from Porur Junction to Vadapalani, covering a distance of 5.5 km on the down line.

Earlier, trial runs were completed between Poonamallee Bypass and Porur Junction in June 2025, covering a length of 9.1 km with 10 stations. Subsequently, station works and system installations were completed,

followed by statutory inspections conducted by the Commissioner of Metro Rail Safety (CMRS). The Interim Speed Certificate was issued by the Railway Board on 18 December 2025. Further regulatory clearances are currently in progress, and commencement of passenger services is expected in February 2026, subject to receipt of the requisite approvals.



In order to enhance commuter convenience and ensure direct connectivity with the Phase 1 metro network, CMRL expedited works in the technically challenging double-decker section and extended the trial operations up to Vadapalani as an interim arrangement, without intermediate stops. The remaining stations between Porur Junction and Kodambakkam are scheduled to be commissioned progressively before June 2026.

Dr. K. Gopal, I.A.S., Additional Chief Secretary to Government, Special Initiatives, Thiru. M.A. Siddique, I.A.S., Additional Chief Secretary & Managing Director, CMRL, accompanied by CMRL Directors, Thiru. T. Archunan, Director (Projects), Thiru. S. Krishnamurthy, Director (Finance), Thiru. Manoj Goyal, Director (Systems & Operations) along with senior officials of CMRL were present during the occasion.

CMRL Completes Intermediate Overhauling of Phase 1 Metro Train Fleet

CMRL has successfully completed the Intermediate Overhauling (IOH) of its entire Phase 1 metro train fleet comprising 52 four-car trains. Operating since 2015, all trains undergo systematic and planned maintenance at prescribed intervals to ensure passenger safety, comfort, and reliability.

As part of the IOH process, trains were comprehensively dismantled, inspected, repaired, and serviced, including wheels, suspension, braking, electrical and air-conditioning systems, followed by detailed safety and performance testing. With the completion of IOH of the 52nd train, CMRL has concluded the scheduled IOH cycle for the full fleet.

The 52nd train was flagged off for revenue service by **Thiru. Manoj Goyal, Director (Systems and Operations)**. The event was attended by **Thiru. A.R. Rajendran, Chief General Manager (Rolling Stock)**, **Thiru. Gopinath Mallya, Chief Advisor**, **Thiru. Ramasubbu, Advisor O&RS**, senior officials and other staff of Rolling stock.



CMAML Signs Contract for Ropeway DFR in Udhagamandalam

Chennai Metro Asset Management Limited (CMAML), a joint venture of Chennai Metro Rail Limited and TIDCO, has signed the contract agreement with M/s Infrastructure Development Corporation (IDEC) Limited, Bengaluru – M/s Outdoor Engineers AG, Switzerland (JV) for preparing a Detailed Feasibility Report (DFR) for the development of High-Altitude Cable Propelled (Ropeway) Transport Systems in Udhagamandalam at a contract value of ₹96.63 lakh.



The agreement was signed in the presence Thiru. M.A. Siddique, I.A.S., Chairman, CMAML and Tmt. Sweta Suman I.A.S., CEO, CMAML, by Thiru. T. Archunan, Director, CMAML and Thiru. C. Vijaykumar, Vice President, IDEC & Thiru. Navdeep Pathania representing Outdoor Engineers. Senior officials of CMML, including CGMs

Thiru. T. Livingstone Eliazer and Dr. D. Jebaselwin Gladson were present during the occasion.

Contract Awarded for Corridor 4 E&M Systems - CMRL Phase 2

CMRL has awarded the contract for Electrical and Mechanical works of Corridor 4 (E&M-06) under the Phase 2 project. The scope includes Supply, Installation, Testing, Commissioning and Training of Electrical, Plumbing and Fire Protection works for 8 Underground Stations from Light House Metro to Kodambakkam Metro including Bored Tunnel between Stations, Cut & Cover Box, U Section and Ramp (Chainage 0 -173 M To 9+949 M) for Corridor- 4 of Chennai Metro Rail Project Phase 2.



The contract, valued at ₹137.08 crore, has been awarded to M/s Jackson Limited. The Contract agreement was signed by Thiru. Manoj Goyal, Director (Systems and Operations), CMRL and Thiru. Yogendra Prasad, Sr. Manager – EPC business of M/s Jackson Limited. Advisor Thiru. S. Ramasubbu (O&RS), Advisor Thiru. S.K. Natarajan (E&M), JGM Thiru. L. Abid

Ali (E&M), Manager Thiru. V.S. Venkatesan (E&M)/CMRL, GC1, GC2 Experts along with senior officials of CMRL and Jackson Limited were present during the occasion.

Enhanced Passenger Facilities at Wimco Nagar Depot Metro Station



CMRL inaugurated a new designated entry at the Thiruvotriyur High Road side of Wimco Nagar Depot Metro Station on January 7, 2026. The facility, designed to enhance commuter convenience, includes lifts, escalators, and entry/exit gates for public use.

The facility was inaugurated by school children from a nearby school, in the presence of Thiru. Gopinath Mallya, Chief Advisor (O&M) and Thiru. S. Satheesh Prabhu, General Manager (O&M), along with senior officers and staff from the Operations and Maintenance Departments.

Sponsored Metro Travel for Freshworks Chennai Marathon

CMRL, in collaboration with The Chennai Runners Association, successfully facilitated the 14th Freshworks Chennai Marathon by operating special early morning metro services at 15-minute intervals from 03:00 – 05:00 hrs.

Participants used their Marathon QR/Bib for metro travel and parking, ensuring a smooth and hassle-free journey to the event. Normal services resumed at 05:00 hrs as per the Sunday timetable.

93.28 Lakh Passengers Travelled with CMRL in January 2026

Chennai Metro Rail Limited (CMRL) recorded a total ridership of 93,28,937 passengers from 01 to 31 January 2026, reaffirming its commitment to providing safe, efficient, and reliable urban mobility.

The highest single-day ridership was observed on 09 January 2026, with 3,81,476 passengers travelling by Metro.

With increasing passenger preference for convenient and digital travel options, CMRL offers a 20% discount on NCMC Cards and digital QR tickets through WhatsApp (+91 83000 86000), Paytm, PhonePe, and the CMRL Mobile App, excluding Single Journey Paper QR tickets.

CMRL thanks its passengers for their continued trust and support and remains committed to enhancing Chennai's urban travel experience.



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