

First Metro Rail train set arrives



The set comprising four cars arrived from Port of Santos, Brazil — PHOTO: K. PICHUMANI

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CHENNAI: After sailing for 32 days, the maiden train set of Chennai Metro Rail Ltd (CMRL) arrived at Chennai Port on Friday morning from Port of Santos, Brazil.

Described by officials as 'Brazilian Beauty', the set comprising four cars (two driver motor cars and two trailing cars) arrived on the Antigua-Barbuda flagged vessel 'Vera'. The vessel was berthed at the port at 11 a.m. The unloading of the first coach began at 4.30 p.m. and the last one by 7.30 p.m.

Though a handful of visitors were present at the time of unloading, they were unable to see the 'beauty' in its original avatar as it was

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wrapped in plastic. Each coach (car) costs nearly Rs.12 crore and comes in silver and deep blue colour.

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Briefing reporters, an official of NTC Logistics, which shipped the sets, said the coaches are mounted on a hydraulic axle modular trailer to avoid jolting. It would be moved to CMRL depot for unveiling and testing.