

Chennai Metro hits Sixer with State-of-the-art Indian Glamour

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Chennai: The Chennai Metro Rail on Friday received its first state-of-the-art 'Made in India' train built at Sri City in Andhra Pradesh.

A Metro Rail spokesman said the train was handed over to Sudhir Krishna, Union Secretary of Ministry of Urban Development and Chairman Chennai Metro Rail in a function held at Alstom factory in Sri City.

Giant trucks carrying the coaches were on the way to Koyambedu depot when last reports came in.

The clearance certificate issued by General Consultants and CMRL was handed over by Krishna to the president of Alstom Henri-

Poupart Lafarge. In turn, as a token of handing over the train, a model train was handed over to Krishna by Lafarge.

Managing director of Chennai Metro Rail Pankaj Kumar Bansal, Alstom vice president Dominic Pouliquen, Director (Projects) R Ramanathan, chief general manager (Construction) V Somasundaram, chief general manager (electrical) Ramasubbu were among those who attended the function.

With the latest addition, the number of trains at the ₹198 crore state-of-the-art depot would touch six. The trains already lined up in depot were imported from Brazil. Thirty-three trains are being built in metro rail

coach making facility at Sri City Special economic Zone near Tada in Nellore district.

The new 280,000 square feet Sri City facility is a modern unit incorporating the best practices from other Alstom factories. The site employs over 150 skilled people, an Alstom release said.

The factory has an energy-efficient design including double insulation, heat recovery systems, a geothermal heating and cooling system.

By the end of March, Koyambedu depot will be getting another couple of trains from Brazil. They have been shipped from Brazil on February 21 and are expected to reach Chennai shores on March 25.



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