

# Maps, signage, totems to guide commuters to metro stations

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**Chennai:** Soon, there will be signs at major junctions in the city to direct commuters to the nearest metro station. Chennai Metro Rail Limited (CMRL) is looking for a company that would install and maintain signage and maps in neighbourhoods of its stations. A metro rail official said they were planning to install signage on both main and interior roads up to a certain distance from metro stations and have floated tenders to design, install and maintain them.

These signs would guide commuters to the nearest metro station as well as those heading out of a station to the surrounding locality. At present, there are signboards, route maps and metro rail maps inside and outside metro stations.

"We have plans to put up signboards in arterial roads



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and junctions to make it easy for commuters to get to the nearest metro station," an official said.

The efforts come at a time when more lines are getting ready for opening in the coming months. These include the underground transit hub at Central metro on Poonamallee High Road and the underground corridor in the arterial Anna Salai where signage comes in handy to help direct commuters to the nearest metro sta-

## CMRL ups the ante against dengue

**Chennai:** To protect workers engaged in metro rail projects in different parts of the city, CMRL is conducting regular health check-ups and health awareness camps at work sites. Stagnant water at work sites is cleared periodically, while fogging and spraying insecticides is carried out regularly, CMRL said in a statement. Contractors have been instructed to conduct regular inspection and audits of work sites along with CMRL representatives. Systematic housekeeping and prevention of water stagnation has also been ensured, CMRL said in the release. **TNN**

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While such features were added to the existing metro stations in phase-1, CMRL has already planned them when they began work for phase 1 extension which is under construction.

Several features, including totems, have been planned for the metro rail line in North Chennai to guide commuters. Totems are tall pillars that will have detailed route maps of both metro trains and the ne-

ighbourhoods. While they have been installed near the entry and exit points of the underground stations between Nehru Park and Thirumangalam that are at present operational, they will become a regular feature on both elevated and underground corridors when phase-1 extension gets operational in 2019.

Totems are a standard feature in metro rail facilities in several foreign cities like Dubai and London.