

Walkalators connecting terminals and metro station opened at airport

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Chennai: Passengers will now be able to use walkalators to access international and domestic terminals and the airport metro rail station as Airports Authority of India (AAI) commissioned the facilities on Saturday. Though the domestic section of walkalator was inaugurated by chief secretary Girija Vaidyanathan and civil aviation secretary R N Choubey in March, it was not opened to passengers due to some pending work.

With the stretch linking the international terminal opened on Saturday, the entire walkalator tube that runs before the terminals and connects to the metro station is now available for passengers. Passengers need not use the battery-powered cars to move between the terminals and reach the metro sta-



WALK IN STYLE: The ₹80 crore facility is open for use

tion. There are 12 walkalators of 30 metres length in a stretch of 602 metres. The total cost of the walkalators is ₹80 crore. The work was completed in two phases.

Two self check-in counters have also been provided at the mezzanine level both at the domestic and international terminals and the connecting tube has been equipped with a flight information display system.

Escalators and staircases have been installed for passengers to access the walkalator tube from the ground floor.

K N Ramachandran, MP and chairman of Airport Advisory Committee (AAC), inaugurated the international stretch of the walkalator on Saturday. MLA Karunanidhi and airport director G Chandramouli were among those present.