

# Metro rail HQ, depot get gold rating for eco sustainability

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**Chennai:** The headquarters and the maintenance depot of Chennai Metro Rail Limited (CMRL) was awarded gold rating under Leadership in Energy and Environmental Design (LEED). CMRL's building and depot was given the certification under the new construction category.

The building was evaluated based on the sustainable sites, water efficiency, energy and atmosphere, material and resources, indoor environmental quality, innovation in design and regional priority credits. The various components were assessed on the basis of design, construction, operation and maintenance which made the building environment-friendly and on effective use of resources. The building and depot scored 70 out of 110 points and was awarded gold rating under LEED 2009.

Leadership in Energy and Environmental Design (LEED) is a forerunner in green building certification programs worldwide and was developed by US Green Building Council (USGBC). LEED provides a framework to create healthy, highly efficient and cost-saving green buildings. LEED certification is a globally recognised symbol of sustainability achievement.