

All-woman teams run 2 metro stns

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Chennai: Commuters walking into Shenoy Nagar and Koyambedu metro stations will from now on be greeted by women staffers as Chennai Metro Rail Limited has converted these two stations into all-women metro stations.

A team of 15 women will manage the operations at elevated Koyambedu station starting from Wednesday. They will be handling all the major operations at the station including issuing of tickets, customer care and housekeeping. The women employees will be working in two shifts to manage the operations at the station. On Tuesday, an all-women team began working at the underground Shenoy Nagar metro station. Metro rail officials said it was an effort to empower women.

To ensure safety of women passengers both at the stations and in trains, metro rail has introduced several facilities. This includes exclusive coaches in all its trains and frequent announcements made in the trains to prevent men from using the coaches for women. Other facilities include installation of CCTV cameras in stations and trains and intercom facility to communicate with the train operator during an emergency.