

Spot fines to deter Metro defacers

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Chennai Metro Rail looks rather clean, but rigorous vigilance and impeccable maintenance goes into keeping the coaches and stations clean. While it may seem like people are not defacing the Metro, the fact is that it does happen. Ever since this system was launched in June 2015, 102 people have been

fined for various offences.

According to Chennai Metro officials, the most number of people have been fined for either being drunk and creating a nuisance or for spitting in the stations. "For spitting a penalty of ₹250 is levied; but those found drunk do not have ₹500 and so we just collect whatever they have," an official said.

Chennai Central Metro station is where the most number of people attempt to spit. "On a few occasions, men in an inebriated condition even tried to urinate. Our guards and staff are present at every level in the station to apprehend those trying to deface the system," he added. Each station is fitted with several CCTV cameras at all levels.