

2 mths since launch, 47k commuters use CMRL feeder services

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Chennai: More than 47,000 passengers travelled in share autos and taxis from 13 metro stations in the last two months as part of CMRL's last mile connectivity. Koyambedu and Alandur stations, which attract maximum footfall, saw nearly 7,900 passengers using the feeder services. CMRL launched share auto services in eight metro stations and share taxi services in five stations in August on a trial basis for six months.

Officials said in September alone, 28,831 passengers travelled in share autos and taxis. Among the five stations with share taxi services, AG-DMS station saw the maximum of 1,398 passengers using these taxis. "There are many private companies around AG-DMS. Also, without this share taxi service, we are left with no option but to bargain with autorickshaw drivers who charge exorbitant

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fares," said Santhosh Kumar, a regular commuter. Alandur, the elevated transit hub that links two corridors of phase-1, saw 1,263 commuters followed by Koyambedu with 1,009 and Anna Nagar East station with 654 passengers.

Of the eight stations where share auto services were launched, Guindy station saw maximum of 6,499 commuters travelling in the autos. Alandur and Little Mount stations saw 4,380 and 3,460 passengers using the auto services. This was followed by 3,428 commuters at Thirumangalam metro station and 3,137 passengers at Ekattuthangal. The feeder services operate up to a radius of 3km with a flat tariff of ₹10 for autos and ₹15 for taxis.