

'Education will stop discrimination against transgender persons'

Equipped with an engineering degree, M Agnisha (24), a transgender person, has broken barriers and found herself a job in Chennai Metro Rail Limited. She talks about her struggle and achievement



M Agnisha

Tell us about your struggles and finding a job in Metro Rail.

■ I am from Tirunelveli. I left my home two months ago and I have a bachelor's degree in mechanical engineering. I came to know about the Chennai Corporation's shelter for transgender persons through Facebook and stayed there. I had sent my resume to various NGOs working for the upliftment of transgenders and one of them informed about the job opening in Metro Rail. Nearly 20 transgenders attended the interview and I got the offer. Now I am maintaining ticketing system at Little Mount Metro Rail station.

Q&A

How your new colleagues treat you?

■ I have joined the Metro Rail a month ago and people here are treating me with respect and dignity. Especially, the woman staff treat me as I am one of them.

What is important for transgender persons to survive in society?

■ Education is the only way for us to lead a decent life. Education will provide safety and job opportunities to transgender persons.

What will be your future endeavours?

■ I will work hard for the Metro Rail and attain heights within the organisation. Once I stabilise myself financially, I will help other transgender persons to get a proper education. Education will stop discrimination against us.