

Metro rail to launch electric auto feeder service today

Chennai: Chennai Metro Rail Limited (CMRL) will launch an electric auto feeder service on Thursday in collaboration with TERI. Aimed at promoting a greener mode of transport and reduce carbon footprint, it will begin at 11am in Alandur CMRL station. The project, organized under the 'Switching to Sustainable Auto-Rickshaw System' project funded by the European Union's Switch Asia programme, is an exercise in understanding the various factors impeding the growth and adoption of electric vehicles. For the first phase, the consortium plans on putting 12 electric three-wheelers on the road, and subsequently plans to achieve approximately 100 electric autos on the roads to serve as an intermediate feeder system for metro rail. The exercise is convened as a stepping stone to identify and develop a viable and scalable model for the operation of electric autos in Indian cities, and emphasizes the value of environmentally, socially and economically sustainable urban transportation models. TNN