

MOVIES, MUSIC, SOAPS SOON ON CHENNAI METRO

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The Chennai Metro Rail Limited (CMRL) on Friday announced that passengers will have access to a range of free movies, music and TV soaps, thanks to a soon-to-be-launched mobile entertainment system.

Speaking to *Deccan Chronicle*, a metro rail official proudly said that this would be the first metro rail service in the country offering this. "The Kochi metro has screens within the metro displaying advertisements but this is an entirely personalised system," he said.

Comparing the entertainment to something one would find on an aircraft, the official said, "Those who take flights would know that some have a WiFi connection which allows you to stream some specific entertainment onboard the



Students enjoying a ride on metro.
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flight. This is something similar to that. The user will have to have a pre-installed app to stream the entertainment available."

Taking another leaf out of the airline entertainment and information book, CMRL is also set to launch dynamic maps which would

show commuters the route they are travelling through and the stations coming up. Currently, the maps are simple and only show the next station. "This will also be similar to the one in flights. Passengers can keep track of where they need to get on and off metro trains using the map," the official

said.

Earlier this week, CMRL also announced that it will provide free WiFi connectivity at all its stations. The metro rail service has floated tenders to offer Internet connectivity across the 45 km stretch of Phase 1 of CMRL.