

Metro introduces smart card with month-long validity

At ₹2,500, it will allow commuters to avail themselves of unlimited rides on the 45-km network



Quick access: Many Metro users prefer to use smart cards.

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Chennai Metro has introduced a card that will allow commuters unlimited rides for a whole month. The new card will cost ₹2,500, with a refundable deposit of ₹50.

According to Chennai Metro Rail Limited (CMRL) officials, many tourists and marketing professionals use the services on a daily basis and such a plan will be useful for them.

At present, there is a daily tourist card which allows pe-

ople to take any number of rides for ₹100.

“If a commuter buys this new monthly card, he can travel anywhere on the 45-km stretch and take any number of rides. He can take rides for 30 days. The card itself is valid for three months; he can recharge this card in case he wants to continue using it,” an official said.

Chennai Metro has a smart card (that provides a 10% discount) and a trip card (that offers a 20% discount and allows people to take a

fixed number of rides between two stations). Sources said that nearly 30% of commuters use smart cards and another 30% trip cards; even today, there are many who prefer to buy a token.